

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

## PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TOUR IS ANNOUNCED

Washington — President Truman's first election year cross-country itinerary was whipped into a final shape with the selection of Casper, Wyo., as a substitute speaking point for the more remote Kortez Dam.

The President will speak at Casper the morning of May 9 on a nine-day trip starting May 7 that will take him across 16 states between here and the Northwest Pacific Coast.

There will be eight set speeches in all and more than 50 rear platform appearances from his special train.

The other major talks are at Lincoln, Neb., May 8; Pendleton, Ore., May 10; Grand Coulee Dam, Washington, May 11; Butte, Mont., May 12; Fargo, N. D., May 13; Madison, Wis., May 14, and Chicago, May 15.

## TRAVEL TAX CUT IS APPROVED BY SOLONS

Washington — The House Ways and Means Committee voted tentatively to cut Federal excise taxes on travel, telephone and telegraph bills and night club checks to the tune of \$376,000,000.

It brought to a total of \$967,000,000 the cuts approved by the committee in two weeks of slashing — far in excess of what President Truman recommended when he agreed in January that the time has come to reduce Federal excise (sales) taxes from their wartime peak.

Mr. Truman threatened to veto any tax bill that reduces Federal revenue by a great amount.

The cuts voted today and the amount of money they would save taxpayers annually included:

Travel — Reduce the 15 per cent tax on railroad, bus and airplane tickets to 10 per cent — \$75,000,000.



**FIGHTING FOR LIFE . . .** Nurse Celia Stallings of Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, illustrates length of tiny Margaret Hinds, premature daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hinds. Fourteen days after birth, baby's weight dropped to 24 ounces. Now Margaret is a husky 30 ounces and winning fight for life.

## Unemployment Drops Below Four Million Mark In April

Washington — Unemployment fell well below the 4,000,000 mark for April for the first time in 1950 as the long-awaited spring business revival opened up 600,000 new jobs in industry.

Employment figures released today by the census bureau were

### NEW WING ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL PLANNED

Winston-Salem — Authorities of Baptist Hospital here said today construction of a new south wing would proceed as originally planned despite the decision of the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte Thursday to reject Government funds that would have paid a large portion of the cost.

"I asked everyone I could in Charlotte whether we were to proceed with the construction," said Rid Holmes, hospital administrator, said today, "and I got the same answer on all sides: Go ahead."

Other hospital authorities contacted here agreed that erection of the 150-bed wing will proceed as already planned, in spite of the fact that Baptists of North Carolina must raise the money to pay for much of it themselves.

Transportation of freight — Reduce the 3 per cent tax to 1.2 per cent — \$165,000,000.

Communications — Cut the 15 per cent tax on local residential telephone bills to 10 per cent. Reduce the 25 per cent rate on long distance and radio telephone bills to 20 per cent. Reduce the 25 per cent rate on domestic telegrams, cablegrams and radiograms to 10 per cent. Reduce the rate on leased wires from 25 per cent to 20 per cent — \$117,000,000.

Night clubs — Cut the 20 per cent tax levied on drink and food checks in cabarets, r o o f gardens and similar night spots to 10 per cent — \$19,000,000.

hailed by secretary of commerce Charles Sawyer as "welcome" and even greater - than - expected come - back from the winter slump which has kept an average of 4,200,000 workers jobless so far this year.

April unemployment was estimated at 3,515,000 — a decline of 12 per cent from the March figure of 4,123,000.

The total number of jobs in both farms and factories rose to 58,668,000, a gain of 1,117,000 over March and the highest employment level in five months. Government economists were pleased particularly with the rise in factory employment.

They spotted one disquieting trend in the otherwise cheering job picture: An unmistakable increase in chronic unemployment. Of the total unemployed, the bureau estimated that 1,200,000 — or about one third — have been out of work for four months or longer.

Last year at this time, persons who had been unemployed for long periods accounted for less than one-fifth of the jobless total.

Sawyer said it is "noteworthy" that job figures are "back to the levels existing before the mid-winter curtailment in activity."

### 2 AMERICANS ARE KILLED IN JAVA

Jakarta, Java — Two Americans delving for information on Indonesian life — a university professor and a magazine correspondent — were shot to death Thursday on a jeep trip in West Java.

The victims were Professor Raymond Kennedy, 43, a Yale sociologist, and Robert Doyle, 30, a Time and Life writer.

Kennedy was studying the impact of Western civilization on native culture. Doyle was after

## Disabled War Veterans Are Urged To File Claims Early

"More than 300 disabled war veterans who are unemployed because of their disabilities have been aided in filing claims since March 1st," declared Jim Caldwell, director of the N. C. Veterans Commission, in expressing pleasure over the rapid progress of their special drive which the Commission and the County Veterans Service Officers and the Post Service Officers of the various veterans organizations are making to inform and assist eligible veterans of both World Wars who are totally and permanently disabled from causes which cannot be proven to be due to service.

"Splendid progress is being made in all sections of the State in this Statewide concentrated effort to locate and help such disabled and aged veterans to properly file and develop their claims," according to Caldwell.

Those disabled veterans meeting all requirements may receive payments of \$60 monthly from the Veterans Administration if and when their claims are approved by that agency. However, Caldwell pointed out, annual income exceeding \$1,000 (or \$2,500 with wife or dependent child) would prevent entitlement.

County veterans service officers and district officers of the N. C. Veterans Commission will be glad to give further information to interested veterans, or assist in the preparation of

a story on feelings of the common people after four months of independence from the Dutch.

They were waylaid and slain near Tomo, in a beautiful mountain country dotted with rice paddies and tea and rubber estates, by a band of four or five men reported by villagers to have been in uniform of some

## 4-H Church Sun. Will Be Observed

North Carolina's more than 123,000 4-H Club members will use the theme "For a Better Rural Community" in their annual observance of 4-H Church Sunday on May 14, according to L. R. Harrill, 4-H leader for the State College Extension Service.

A suggested program outline prepared by the Rev. Garland Hendrix, pastor of Olive Chapel Baptist Church of Wake County, will be used by many of the clubs. This includes special music, Scripture reading and prayer by 4-H members, and a talk by the pastor or four five-minute talks by club members on the factors which make a better community.

In many churches, 4-H boys and girls will assist with the program by serving as ushers or song leaders, decorating the auditorium with flowers, reciting poems, taking up the offering, or welcoming members of the congregation. The club members will dress in uniform and sit in a body at many of the services.

Harrill said 4-H Church Sunday is observed throughout the nation to emphasize the meaning of Christianity in rural life. The program is designed, he said, to re-emphasize the importance of spiritual growth and development in the life of the individual, the community, the state, and the world, and to keep alive the interest of rural youth in the program of the church.

"In the observance of 4-H Church Sunday," he asserted, "it is not our purpose to use the church as a means for pro-

claims of those who are eligible. Caldwell said.

## SPECIAL SERVICE AT VALLEY HOME CHURCH

The Red Teague Trio of Win-

moting interest in 4-H Club work, but rather to help every 4-H Club boy and girl to seek out the truths of life, to cooperate in the program of the church, and to help broaden the influence of the Christian church in the community."

ston Salem, will render special songs at the Valley Home Baptist church on Sunday night, May 14 at 7:30 p. m., when Rev. Gordon Crump, of Lenoir, will bring the message.

Everyone is cordially invited to this special service to hear Rev. Crump and this outstanding trio.

Scotland county has started a 4-H Club pig chain.

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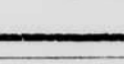
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