

# Washington Notes

### LEAVING

Of the 8,000 Americans in Japan when the State Department advised them to leave, about three months ago, only about 1,000 remain. The homeward movement of Americans from the entire Far Eastern region is still underway.

### MONEY

The amount of money in the United States, either in circulation, held by the Treasury or by Federal Reserve Banks, was \$31,338,165,631. This was an increase of 20 per cent for the year 1940. Of the total \$23,909,000,000 was in the Treasury, \$3,447,000,000 in Federal Reserve banks and \$8,732,000,000 was in circulation.

### AIR BASES

The Canadian government is expected to construct a series of air bases between the border of the United States and Alaska. They will be available for the use of American planes. The construction is in line with plans of the two nations for joint defense.

### INFLATION

Jessie H. Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, sees no indication of inflation and no reason to expect such a tendency.

### CAMPAIGN FUNDS

A special federal grand jury will be called to investigate campaign contributions during the Presidential campaign last Fall. That the terms of the Hatch act were violated, although it is possible that some of the most with impunity, is generally receding might be done.

### BRITISH HOLDINGS

Investment trusts in this country are said to be seeking to conclude an arrangement to purchase British holdings in American corporations and possibly British holdings of American securities. The amounts involved are not available.

### SIX-DAY-WEEK

Patriotism and the "terrible urgency" of the international crisis will be relied upon to persuade industry engaged on defense orders to adopt the six day week, according to a report which says that the newly formed office of Production Management will make the appeal, designed to end the two-day week-end and increase the output of supplies for the British.

### GULF DOCK

The Navy has arranged for the construction of a large floating dock at Galveston to accommodate ships as large as cruisers. At present no such facilities are available in the Gulf area.

### GAS DEFENSE

Plans for a widespread defense against poison gas attacks are behind Army contracts for gas mask charcoal and other chemicals used in defensive appliances. Of the \$10,000,000 involved, about half will go to the construction of plants that will be owned by the government but operated by private enterprises.

### PARADE

The inaugural parade was designed to be something of a preview of improved defenses in this country. With mechanized equipment, tanks and airplanes participating, the procession gave emphasis to the major national activity at this time.

### PRISONERS

The Red Cross is ready to accept packages for prisoners of war from individuals who may wish to send boxes to soldiers in European prison camps. The cost of each package will be \$2.20. It contains eleven pounds of food and cigarettes.

### PRODUCTION

The index of industrial production for 1940 averaged 122 as compared with 110 in 1929. In December the index figure was about 136.

### TRAFFIC

The War Department has asked the States to assist in developing plans for the rapid movement of military traffic with the least possible interference with ordinary business.

### REVENUE

Internal revenue for the year ending June 30, 1940, amounted to \$5,340,452,347, an increase of about three percent over the previous year.

### TRINIDAD

Authorities of Trinidad have agreed to give the United States the sites selected by army and naval experts for the development of bases on the island. First opposition, on the island, centered around the opinion that use of areas selected would disturb the normal life of the community in that if affected land that, for many years, had been the principal holiday grounds of the people.

### A WRECK ALL RIGHT

Iola, Kan.—A newspaper reporter, a lawyer, an undertaker, two cars of policeman and state highway patrolmen responded when a report came in that an airplane had crashed. They found the wreckage of a miniature plane.

# WALSTONBURG NEWS

Mrs. A. D. McLawhorn spent Tuesday with Miss Lillian Corbett. Miss Janetta Redick, of Louisburg College, is visiting her parents this week.

Mrs. Ada Bass, of Wilson, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Jason Shirley. George Corbett and C. T. Hicks made a business trip to Snow Hill on Monday.

Sam Jenkins and H. T. Herring visited friends in Southern Pines and Fort Bragg, Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Lang and Mrs. J. C. Gardner visited Mrs. D. D. Fields at the Woodard Herring hospital in Wilson Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Estelle Bailey and Mrs. Jason Shirley attended the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Taylor in Wilson Saturday afternoon.

The Workers Council of the Christian Church met with Mrs. A. J. Craft Thursday night. Following the business session, the hostess served a sweet course. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Craft, president of the Council.

### Monthly Meeting of G. A.

The January meeting of the G. A. was held Friday afternoon with Ramona and Joyce Rouse as hostesses. The meeting opened by singing: "Jesus Shall Reign". Theme: "The Gate Way of 1941". Every member present had a part on the program.

Betsy Rouse was a visitor. The new officers for the coming year are: President, Pauline Dixon; Secretary, Ramona Rouse, Treasurer, Emma Jean Redick.

After the program and business meeting the hostesses served fruit jello topped with whipped cream and wafers.

Those present were: Alma Gray Beaman, Ann Hicks, Ramonell Bailey, Emma Jean Redick, Betsa Mae Ellis, Pauline and Frances Dixon, Jamie Bell McKeel, Elizabeth Shirley, Ramona and Joyce Rouse and Mrs. Henson.

### Looking at Washington

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the foe the net result, so far as we are concerned, is that our boys do not participate in the bloody work.

We doubt if many Americans believe that the immense effort now being exerted in behalf of national defense would be possible, or even favored by our people, if they did not realize the new peril that presents itself as the Nazi threat dominates Europe. If the British and French had won an early victory over their foes, the defense budget now considered would be considered a foolish gesture. Frankly, this nation is arming against the totalitarian powers, in the belief that if they win, nothing but force will give us protection or safeguard our rights.

There is room for difference of opinion among Americans as to the extent of aid to the British. There is ground for the belief, held by many citizens, that great care should be exercised lest we deplete our own means of defense by shipping too much stuff to the British. The attitude involves a difference of opinion with those in authority and, apparently, the majority of the people of the nation.

It should be frankly admitted that the present policy involves some risks of war. We do not believe that the Axis powers will dare attack the United States so long as the British continue to fight. They might become angry with our leaders and put us down as enemies of the Nazi order to be dealt with when the moment is propitious. This, in our minds, is no new risk because we believe that the present program of the Nazis includes eventual penetration into this hemisphere and, if necessary, the conquest of the United States.

In writing thus freely about the international situation we have expressed views that seem to be sound. They are based upon considerable study of the situation but they may be altogether wrong. We cheerfully yield to all readers the right to their own opinions and stand ready, at all times, to accept the verdict of the people and uphold the government elected to administer the affairs of the United States.

### Cotton Seed Should Be Cleaned, Graded

Maximum yields of cotton can be secured only where there is a sufficient number of strong healthy plants per acre, evenly distributed in the row. For this reason, P. H. Kime, agronomist and cotton breeding specialist of N. C. State College, emphasize the importance of cleaning and grading cotton seed. Two of the principal causes of a poor stand of cotton, he says, are low germination and low vitality of seed. Low germination of the seed may be caused by weather damage in the field, heating of the cotton seed in storage, or damage to the seed after sowing.

Continuing, Mr. Kime said that cotton picked while green or damp and stored in tightly packed bins will often heat enough to seriously injure germination. Cotton seed which contain a high percent of moisture when ginned will also heat if

stored in bulk.

Another cause of low germination is light and immature seed. Cleaning and grading cotton seed will remove light-weight immature seed, burrs, poorly ginned seed, black seed, and foreign material.

"If you saved your own planting seed," the agronomist stated, "then clean and grade them and by all means have a germination test made in time to buy good seed in case yours do not germinate well. If you are buying from a neighbor, require that a germination test be made before you accept them. Seed handled through regular trade channels carry a tag showing the germination and purity."

The State College specialist also recommends that seed be treated with Ceresan. There are certain diseases which cause young cotton plants to die, especially during cold cloudy weather. Dusting the seed with Ceresan will kill the diseases on the seed and protect the seed from diseases of the soil, he says.

# FOUNTAIN NEWS

(By MRS. M. D. YELVERTON)

Miss Carol Yelverton, a student of W. C. U. N. C., is at home for the semester holidays and has as her guest her room-mate, Miss Key O' Brian, of Maplewood, N. J.

Mrs. Robert Fountain, Jr., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Brimm in Greensboro.

Hugh Williams, of Red Oak, visited Guy Eagles during the week end.

Mrs. Luke Ward, Mrs. Leon Robinson and Janice Robinson, of Bethel, visited Mrs. J. W. Redick during the week end.

Mrs. C. M. Smith spent Sunday and Monday with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Smith, in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gardner, Mrs. R. A. Gardner and Mrs. F. L. Eagles spent Thursday in Holly Ridge.

C. M. Smith spent Monday in Richmond, Virginia.

Misses Hazel and Eloise Owens, Maude Emily Smith, Helen Brown Jefferson, Jean Owens and Mary Emma Jefferson, all students of E. C. T. C., were at their respective homes in and near Fountain during the week.

Miss Cora Lee Patterson, a member of the school faculty, is ill with influenza at her home in Saratoga.

Entertains Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of Fountain Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. L. Dozier. Mrs. Norman Johnson, of Rocky Mount, gave a very interesting address on Missions. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Missionary Society Meets

The Ladies Missionary Society of Fountain Baptist Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. E. B. Beasley. A very interesting program was given by Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Mrs. F. L. Eagles, Mrs. Bruce Eagles and Mrs. M. D. Yelverton. At the close of the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

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