

# This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 6.—In spite of the Neutrality Act passed at the special session of Congress less than three months ago, the United States is very far from being clear of possible entanglements in the European war and the Japan-China affair. That is increasingly evident.

The problems confronting the Government in its efforts to maintain strict neutrality, and at the same time stand up for our national rights on the seas and in international commerce, are causing much concern both in the administrative and legislative branches.

Standing out in front of all the other international questions is that as to how the United States can give effective assistance to Finland without involving us in Europe's affairs. Technically, under the Neutrality Act, there is nothing to prohibit the lending of any amount of money which the Finns may need with which to buy the airplanes and munitions necessary to hold out against Russia.

The voluntary contributions being collected by Mr. Hoover's committee, large as they are, can be used only to feed and clothe the civilian population of Finland and not to supply weapons. The loan of \$20,000,000 by the Export-Import Bank is also limited to non-military purposes; this, in the face of the fact that officially there is no war in progress between Russia and Finland.

**Finns' Defeat Predicted**  
The prevailing attitude in Washington is the belief that Finland cannot stand out alone against Russia but in the long run will be defeated. In that case, it is felt here that the United States, with any other nations which give Finland military aid, would become the next objectives of Russia's terrorism. In other words, official Washington,

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much as it admires and sympathizes with the Finns, is terribly scared of Russia and wants to play safe.

There are signs, however, of a swing away from the isolationist state of mind of which Senator Borah was the foremost exponent. The realization that the war is not going to be ended quickly, and that American interests are threatened and American influence weakened so long as this country tries to wash its hands of the small nations and the democracies of Europe, is penetrating the consciousness of many Senators and Representatives who did not believe last fall that a really serious war was impending.

**Pacific Problem Considered**  
The reawakening of interest in international affairs is also projecting official thinking across the Pacific. It is too early to try to forecast the effects of America's cancellation of our thirty-year-old commercial treaty with Japan, but the general belief here is that it gives new point to the demand for a navy large enough and efficient enough to protect both coasts against any possible enemy. That need has the support of both Democratic and Republican leaders.

There are numerous indications that the partisan differences upon which the elections of next November will be decided will not be chiefly over international relations. There is no suspicion that any of the potential presidential candidates of either party desires or intends to use the war situation as a springboard for his own personal political ambitions.

In all camps there is evident an increasing realization of the serious and solemn obligation to put patriotism above partisanship. It is the belief of many shrewd observers here, therefore, that the presidential campaign will be fought out on strictly domestic issues, with both parties in practically complete agreement on foreign policy.

**Hull May Be Nominated**  
That, oddly enough, may result in the nomination for the presidency of the foremost exponent of current American foreign policy, Secretary of State Cordell Hull. The conviction grows that Mr. Hull is the one Democrat who could be nominated with the entire good-will of President Roosevelt and also of the conservative old-line members of his party. He would not be pleasing to the out-and-out New Dealers, especially the group immediately surrounding the President.

But careful political commentators are beginning to express the belief that the policy generally referred to as The New Deal no longer commands any great percentage of voters, and that the best chance the Democrats have this year is to go back to traditional Democracy, which is personified by Mr. Hull. The statement of John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, that Mr. Roosevelt could not be re-elected if he were nominated, makes it certain he could not count on the support of organized labor, which was such a powerful factor in the election of 1936.

On the Republican side the outlook is still for an open convention with Dewey, Taft and Vandenberg as the leading contenders and a dozen dark horses hoping the lightning will strike them.

## LIST HONOR STUDENTS FOR CLINGMAN SCHOOL

The following is the honor roll for Clingman school, Ronda, route 2:

First grade—Clyde Adams, Edward Green, Billy Felts, Betty Ruth Mathis, Mary J. Gray.

Second grade—Blane Welborn, Monroe Holloway, Charles Cook, Betty Hager, Charlotte Seagraves, Melverine Pardue.

Third grade—Imogene Waggoner, Wade Swaim.

Fourth grade—Harold Gray, Jack Pardue, Avenell Pardue, Ventril Adams.

Fifth grade—Frank Masten, Marion Pardue, Helen Eiler, Virginia Ruth Mathis.

Sixth grade—Herman Adams, J. D. Mathis, Mary Rose Lange, Lillian Hayes.

Seventh grade—James Blake Caudill, Forest Rumble, Mary Zell Haynes, Mozelle Lewis, Carrie Vance Pardue, Essie Marie Redding.

## CARD OF THANKS

We want to express to each one our sincere appreciation for the kindness and friendship shown us since the loss of our home by fire. We especially want to thank members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church for their shower of gifts to us.

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## TREES

Farmers of Jackson county have made application through the county agent's office for 188,000 trees to be used in checking erosion and reclaiming worn-out land on their farms.

# SOCIETY.

## Mrs. Barbour Is Hostess to Presbyterian Circle

The circle of the Presbyterian church met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Dan Barbour on Elk Spur street, with six members present.

The devotionals were in charge of Mrs. O. V. Caudle and the program was in charge of Mrs. O. T. Blackburn and was an open discussion on "Child Training."

During a pleasant social hour the hostess served a delicious refreshment course.

## Mrs. Whitaker Entertains Junior Garden Club

Mrs. W. W. Whitaker entertained members of the Junior Garden club at the monthly meeting at her home on Church street Thursday afternoon. The program was presented by Mary Vance McAdams, assisted by Virginia Graham, Grace Laffoon, Dorothy Jean Salmons, Beulah Yates and Maxine Aldridge.

At the close of the program a sweet course, in which the St. Valentine motif predominated, was served to the following members: Maxine Aldridge, Beulah Yates, Louise Felts, Dorothy Jean Salmons, Grace Laffoon, Virginia Graham and Mary Vance McAdams.

## Mr. and Mrs. Folger Honor Visitors at Bridge-Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Folger entertained at a delightful bridge-dinner at their home on Gwyn avenue Wednesday evening, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sparks, of Jackson, Tenn., guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poindexter. The dining room table was centered with a silver bowl of red carnations and red candles in silver holders were used on either corner of the table.

Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neaves, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poindexter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neaves, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poindexter, Miss Emaline Neaves, Miss Mary Elizabeth Sanders, of Roxboro, Reg Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Folger.

During the evening bridge was enjoyed. The high score awards went to Mrs. Sam Neaves and J. R. Poindexter at the conclusion of the games. Mrs. Sparks was

presented a lovely gift as guest of honor.

## Circle Meets Thursday Evening at Home of Mrs. Sagar

Circle number four of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. John Sagar on Hospital Road Thursday evening with Misses Carolyn and Sarah Kelley Lillard associate hostesses, with 23 members and 2 visitors present.

Mrs. Max Boyles, circle chairman, presided over the meeting and conducted the devotionals.

Mrs. Herman F. Duncan presented the program, making an interesting talk on "The World Community in American Cities." Her talk was highly enjoyed. The concluding feature was a vocal solo "Grant Us, O Our Heavenly Father," by Mrs. Roscoe Poplin.

A social hour was enjoyed at the conclusion of the program. A delicious refreshment course was served.

## Methodist Circles Meet Monday Afternoon

The circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the following homes:

Circle number one met with Mrs. G. T. Roth on Terrace avenue, with 16 members present. Mrs. J. G. Abernethy, circle chairman, presided over the meeting and conducted the devotionals. The Bible study was in charge of Mrs. J. S. Hiatt. A vocal duet by Mesdames H. P. Graham and Fletcher Harris concluded the program.

Circle number two met with Mrs. E. G. Click on Circle Court, with Mrs. W. M. Evans associate hostess, with 19 members present. Mrs. D. G. Smith, circle chairman, presided over the meeting and Mrs. E. W. McDaniel conducted the devotionals. The Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. H. C. Salmons. A vocal solo by Mrs. E. G. Click was enjoyed.

Circle number three met with Mrs. Charles G. Ashby on Bridge street, with 10 members present. Mrs. Chas. G. Ashby, circle chairman, presided over the meeting and conducted the devotionals. Mrs. J. Harold Click taught the Bible lesson.

At the close of the programs

the hostesses served a refreshment course.

## Benefit Parties for Woman's Club to Be Held Tuesday

Two benefit parties, one Tuesday afternoon and the other Tuesday evening, will be held upstairs in the City Hall next week for the Woman's club. In the afternoon play will begin at 2:30, and in the evening at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the general fund of the club. A nominal admission fee will be charged.

Reservations for bridge should be made by calling Mrs. Hugh Parks; for rook and rummy, Mrs. J. Mark McAdams, and set back, Mrs. Max Boyles. Those who would like to sew are asked to bring their handwork. Players are asked to bring their cards, score pads and pencils.

If it is inconvenient to make up your own tables arrangements may be made at the time of the party to arrange tables.

Mrs. Marion Allen is chairman of the refreshment committee; Mrs. E. E. Hayes, tables and chairs, and Mrs. Paul Price, the decorations.

Prizes will be awarded in each of the games. Light refreshments will be served.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## To Start Lime Program in County Soon

R. R. Smithwick, Surry county farm agent, has announced that the 1940 lime program for Surry county will get under way soon.

Smithwick said the lime would be purchased under practically the same plan that the county operated last year. This was the grant-of-aid program that allowed a farmer to use a certain amount of lime on his farm and pay the greater part of the cost out of his conservation check.

Three thousand tons of lime and 4,900 pounds of phosphate was used by Surry farmers last year, and the figures for this year are expected to show a great increase.

The outlook for the program this year is promising, Smithwick said, expressing the belief that there will be more participation than in 1939 due to the control setup, and because more farmers are participating in the soil building program than ever before.

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