

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Feb. 12—While the lease-lend bill proceeded through debate in the house of representatives, the senate has been continuing its public hearings which will conclude with the testimony of Wendell L. Willkie upon his return from England. There is little doubt here as to what line his testimony will take.

Both preceding and during his trip abroad, Mr. Willkie took his stand for the bill and has been constantly urging its passage with a few minor amendments which have already been adopted by the Democrats in the house. The only doubt that exists is as to just how the public which voted for him in the past election will react to his statements.

Mr. Willkie has completely deserted the anti-Roosevelt forces in con-

gress, yet, while some are dismayed, no one seems particularly surprised. He favored conscription last year, when the Republicans were desperately trying to organize an opposition to block passage. He discarded the non-committal and obviously compromise platform of the party and campaigned, as far as foreign policy was concerned, on an aid to Britain plank. He has repeatedly urged unity on this question, while members of his party have balked and refused to go along.

Strictly Partisan Vote

The house has resolved itself more or less along partisan lines on the issues of the bill which Mr. Willkie urges to be passed—the Republicans lining up against it, and the Democrats for it. This party division on what has been publicized as a non-partisan issue is more readily understood when the fact is taken into consideration that most isolationist districts returned Republican congressmen.

An attempt at unity on the whole subject was made by the administration when two meetings of leaders of both parties were held in an attempt to iron out differences. The first was a capitol conference to organize proposals, and the second was a meeting at the White House which was attended by the minority leaders, Senators Charles McNary of Oregon, and Representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, and leaders of the Democratic party.

That the attempt failed was evidenced by Mr. Martin's outspoken opposition to the bill as it appeared from the house foreign affairs committee, and Senator McNary's organization of opposition in the senate. Now, unity on the subject of aid to Britain seems as far away as ever. Both parties are more or less in agreement as to the ends to be achieved, but are diametrically opposed as to the methods to be used.

While the Republicans lost in the house, they are far from convinced that the bill cannot be radically altered in the senate. Here, Senator McNary will do most of his work behind the scenes while Senator Wheeler of Montana will lead the opposition on the floor. Informed quarters are still predicting, however, that the bill will pass about the middle or end of March—and

Design for Defense



Washington, D. C.—Here is the new defense poster, printed in patriotic colors, which will be displayed by manufacturers after they have complied with instructions in connection with "Preparedness Through Production" week. Governors of more than a score of states have proclaimed their willingness to co-operate with the defense commission by urging all manufacturers to register their facilities for defense production.

without any vital changes.

Defense Slowup

Our own armament program, after showing surprising vigor during the closing months of the past year, is slowing up, due to strikes, bottlenecks and difficulties of supply and transportation. Preventive legislation is being discussed, but official quarters are reticent to recommend a speed-up by force of law and would rather continue with "moral persuasion."

The news from the army, too, is far from encouraging. 240,000 men were expected to be in the army by this time, and while congressional circles are talking of an army of 2,000,000 by the end of the year, they are faced with the fact that only 100,000 trainees have thus far been called into service.

Selective service officials report that they can now supply the army with 2,500,000 men within ten days, but bottlenecks are cropping up everywhere. Delay in construction of cantonments, caused by the unexpectedly late passage of draft legislation last year, is said at army headquarters to be responsible for delay in most cases. In other quarters, the blame is put on lumber strikes, lumber profiteering, labor shortages, restrictive labor practices and outright bungling in the war department. At army headquarters it is insisted, nevertheless, that 600,000 trainees will be in service by July 1, and that the difficulties are only temporary and will soon be overcome.

Zionville News

Mrs. John Roberts and sons, Vaughn and Ernest, visited recently with Mrs. Herman Reese at Silverstone. Mrs. Reese is a daughter of Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Greer and son, Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Castle and son, Lyon, came up from Kingsport, Tenn., to spend the week-end with homefolks. Mr. and Mrs. Castle plan to return here soon to make their home.

W. K. Wilson, who has had employment in Newport News, Va., has returned to his home here.

H. C. Icehour returned Monday to Fort Bragg after spending the week-end with his family here.

Mrs. Lillie Thomas spent last week at Sugar Grove with a daughter, Mrs. Don Bingham. Mrs. Bingham and son returned with her for a short visit.

Rev. Carl Triplett of Blowing Rock, filled his appointment at Zionville church Saturday and Sunday and he, with Mrs. Triplett and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stevens on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Greer are quite ill at their home here with flu.

Mrs. W. S. Penn of Boone, and Miss Bette Ruth Greer of the Bethel school faculty, were week-end guests

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. ROBT. H. HARPER

JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE

Lesson for February 16: Luke 17: 4-11:19; Golden Text: Eph. 4:32

It is a terrible thing to cause one to stumble, as Jesus indicated in the first passage of the lesson text, but forgiveness should be extended to the offender, and to all offenders.

Jesus says an injured man should rebuke an offender. Often he silently resents the wrong. Many a breach might be closed if men would have a "heart-to-heart talk." If the offender repents, he should be forgiven, even "seven times in the day." When Jesus said a man should forgive until "seventy times seven" he meant that forgiveness should be unlimited. And well may it be, for God will not forgive an unforgiving man. An unforgiving spirit in the heart is dangerous. It is like the fire that smoldered in the hold of a ship that years ago sailed from New Orleans—to break out in devouring flames. Would you, shut heaven's door in your own face by closing your heart against others?

Among the ten lepers who were cleansed, only one forgot everybody but his benefactor and turned back to thank Jesus. "And he was a Samaritan." Jesus remarked that only a "stranger" turned back to give God thanks.

The lesson deals with two things too seldom found—a forgiving spirit and a thankful heart. Many refuse to forgive "nursing their wrath," like Tam O'Shanter's wife, "to keep it warm." Many take God's goodness to them as a matter of course. They never "miss the water until the well runs dry." In misfortune they may remember God and turn to Him, but when all is well they forget the great Giver. But may your lives be daily warmed by grateful hearts, and, freely receiving, may you freely give.

of homefolks here.

Mrs. Ivan Church and children of Mabel, were recent guests here of Mrs. Church's mother, Mrs. N. T. Byers.

The recreation center is sponsoring a Valentine party in the Mabel school auditorium Friday night, Feb. 14, at 7 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun. No admission charge.

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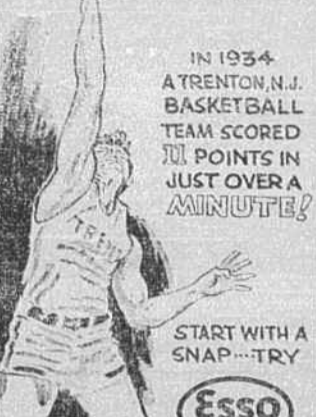
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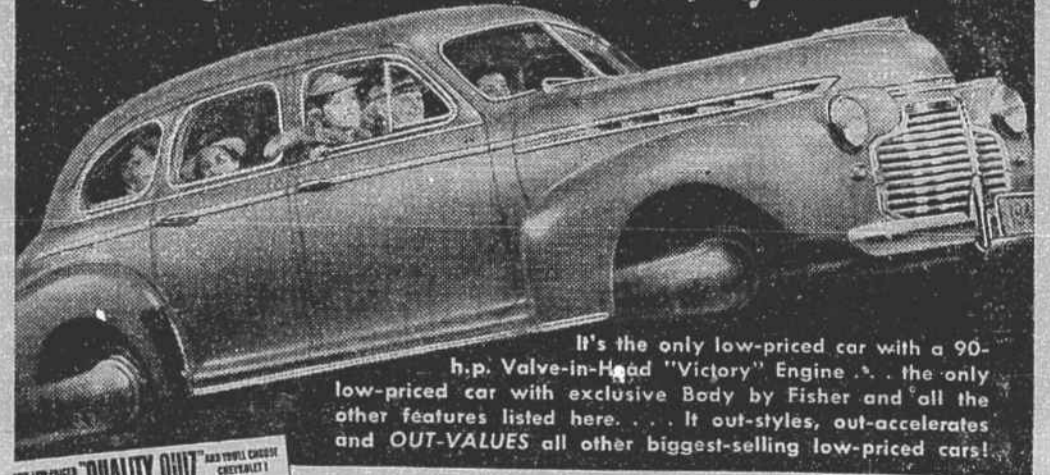


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