

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, Jan. 8.—A general relaxing of food rationing as well as of Victory garden and other food production programs, which was scheduled for 1945, has been shifted into quick reverse. Farmers will now be urged to produce all the food possible this year, the Victory garden program will be pushed as strongly as ever and rationing will probably be tighter than in 1944. The reason, of course, is the setback in the schedule for winning the European war. Government plans were based on that phase of the war being over before the new year. Now, with the date for the end of the war with Germany anybody's guess, many of the war programs, including food supply, must be continued at full wartime force. Food authorities realize that farmers have had a remarkably good break during the war years from the standpoint of weather, blight and other uncertainties of nature, but they can't afford to count on a continuation of this good luck for another year.

If the luck holds out our farmers will be able to continue to feed the nation, the men in the services, and have a good supply left over for foreign populations—but the planners would be foolish to count on another record crop.

Meanwhile, the increase in the number of food products being rationed, plus the raising of point values on butter and meats, are indicative of the trend.

"Labor problems as usual" can be expected during 1945 with a full quota of strikes, threats of strikes and government seizures. Although the Montgomery-Ward case, which has been headline news of labor disturbances lately, is not too much in-

involved with production or distribution of war goods, it promises to be one of the big test cases of labor history and the results of it will affect many moves by labor organizations in the future. The NLRB ordered a closed shop in four Ward stores in Detroit and the company contended that such an order was not legal. The case will be taken to the highest court—and meanwhile the stores will be operated by the war department.

Although this case may foment other labor troubles, and may influence some CIO unions to renig on their no-strike pledge, the greatest danger on the labor front involves the efforts being made by practically all unions to get the War Labor Board to break the fast-weakening Little Steel formula and permit general wage increases.

Final count on election returns, both for civilians and those in the armed services, have been just about completed. The figures show that approximately 35 percent of those in uniform cast a vote in the presidential election and that the total military and civilian vote was just under 48,000,000. The soldier and sailor vote is said to have totaled about 2,800,000, which is about 500,000 less than was expected. The civilian vote also failed to reach the total of 50,000,000 which both parties predicted before the election.

SNAKE BRAVES WINTER COLD
Mr. J. H. Clawson of Meat Camp township, was in town Monday exhibiting a live 15-inch long snake, which he captured in his barnyard last Saturday. The snake, which made its visit to Boone in a bottle, was the first Mr. Clawson remembers to have ever seen at this season of the year, and caused considerable interest when exhibited. Mr. Clawson believes the serpent to be a rattlesnake.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION
The Save the Children Federation Store in Boone will be open henceforth on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, it was stated the first of the week.

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JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Lesson for Jan. 14: Matthew 3:13-4:11; Memory Verse, Matt. 4:10.

Like John the Baptist, we doubtless wonder why Jesus went for baptism. It was probably in the desire of Jesus, though Himself sinless, to identify Himself in baptism with men who had abundant need to repent. Also He must have wanted to put His approval upon the ministry of John the Baptist.

It is not sinful to be tempted provided one resists. As the old figure has it—a man cannot prevent the birds flying over him but he can prevent their building a nest on his head. Hungry, Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread; to win the people He was urged to cast Himself from a pinnacle of the temple, even as the rabbits had said the Messiah would do, and last, He was tempted of compromise with evil.

Beware of the temptation to compromise. Many who are on guard against temptations to avert sins are oftentimes ensnared by the devil in some kind of compromise—unmindful that they are really forming an alliance with the tempter. Moral compromise is impossible. Black is black and white is white. Good and evil cannot be mixed. Only two roads, according to Jesus, lead from time to eternity. There is no middle road.

The temptations of Jesus should be of value to us in the thought that as He, in perfect union with the Father, overcame the tempter in his very assault, we also can overcome when our will is conformed to God's. And we may so worship God and serve Him that angels will succor us, even as they ministered to Jesus in the wilderness.

Mrs. Alice Wilson Claimed by Death

Mrs. Alice McNeil Wilson, aged 83 years, beloved citizen of the Mabel Community, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. C. Reece, on January 1, where she had made her home for a number of years. She had been in ill health for more than a year, and her condition had been critical for the last two months.

Funeral services were conducted at Zionville Baptist Church last Wednesday by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Ashley, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge. Interment was in the Wilson cemetery at Silverstone.

A large number of friends gathered to pay their respects at the bier of the well-known lady. The floral offering was beautiful.

Surviving is one son, Mr. Arlie G. Wilson, Trade, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. Lola Reece, Mabel; one brother, Mr. Rufus H. McNeil, Caldwell county. She has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Conrad Wilson, her second son, died in 1943. Her husband, Mr. Jackson Wilson, died in 1921.

For 65 years Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Baptist church, and was active in its endeavors until ill health forced her retirement. She was a valiant defender of the right, and battled for all good causes, being a generous and kind neighbor, and one of the most lovable characters of the county. An incalculable loss has been sustained by the community and county in the death of this noble woman.—Reported.

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Tax Listing

In Meat Camp Township

I will be at the following places on the dates named below for the purpose of listing taxes in Meat Camp Township for the year 1945:

- G. G. STEVEN'S STORE—Thursday, January 11
- BIG HILL SCHOOL HOUSE—Friday, January 12.
- HARRISON BAKER'S PLACE—Near Ben Phillips', Monday, January 15.
- SANDS—Old Service Station, Tuesday, January 16.
- RICH MOUNTAIN SCHOOL HOUSE—Wednesday, January 17.

Will appreciate the people meeting me at these times and places and listing their taxes in accordance with the law.

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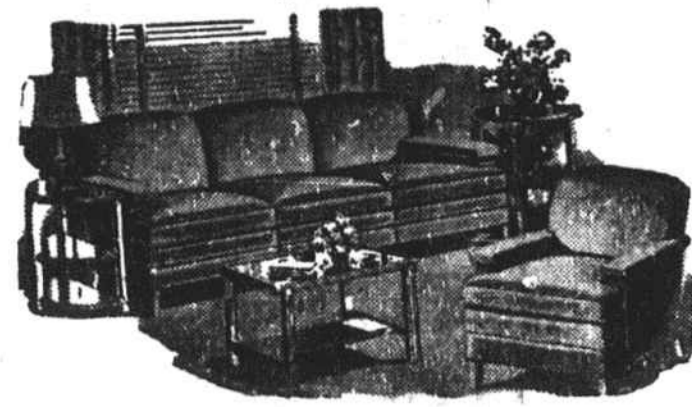
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