

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, June 5—Reorganization of the federal government on a gigantic scale is now well under way. Just what it will be like when President Truman completes his stream-lining job is still guesswork, but the blueprints indicate that the cost of government will be considerably reduced, unnecessary agencies will be eliminated and greater efficiency will be the order of the day.

Although President Truman is making major changes, so far very little criticism of his actions has been heard. His new appointments to cabinet posts have been generally approved. Although the new cabinet members obviously were chosen partly for political reasons, it is agreed by members of both parties that they are sound choices.

Clinton Anderson, who has been named secretary of agriculture is, without any question, one of the nation's leading authorities on farm problems. As chairman of a special house committee investigating the food situation, he has an up-to-the-minute knowledge of our present food difficulties. It is expected that the whole food problem of the nation will be concentrated under his direction.

Judge Lewis Schwellenbach, who will head the labor department, has a pro-labor record which should give him the support of most organized labor. At the same time, since he is not picked from the ranks of organized labor, he will feel no obligations to any particular group and may be able to do much to stimulate peace among labor organizations. Probably the jobs now handled by the War Labor board and the War Labor Relations board will be centralized under his control.

Thomas C. Clark, who has been in the department of justice for eight years, is conservative in policy and has controlled both the anti-trust division and the criminal division of the department. He seems to be a safe and wise choice for attorney general.

If, after making those changes in his official family, President Truman is given authority by congress to reorganize the executive branch of the government, we may soon expect to see a housecleaning such as

Moretz Brothers in Armed Services



Pfc. Roy L. Moretz, upper left, who has been in the New Guinea and Philippine theatre for the past two years; Jonas Clayton Moretz, upper right, seaman first class, who has been in action with one of the Pacific fleets since March, 1944; Pfc. Hubert C. Moretz, lower left, who landed in France December 24, and went into action in Germany. He was with the First army, and was a member of the first division to cross the Rhine River. He was wounded last March 14, and has the Purple Heart. William A. Moretz, who is taking basic naval training at Bainbridge, Md. All four are sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moretz, of Boone Route 2.

Boone Soldier Goes Deaf When Ordered To Remain Behind

With the 97th Infantry Division in Germany—Private First Class Howard A. Wineberger, of Boone, acted just a little deaf when his commanding officer told him to stay behind until he was well enough to fight. He not only accompanied his unit on its first major combat mission, but distinguished himself in action.

The 303rd regiment, 97th infantry division, had received the order to cross the Sieg river and capture the city of Siegburg on the north bank. Pfc. Wineberger, a member of Company B, although suffering from several cracked ribs, went with his unit.

Following an amphibious crossing of the Sieg, major tributary of the Rhine, the company advanced through the city under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. At H-hour plus six, the German forces had been driven back through the city and a command post was established for the night by a company in the north end of the residential district.

A quick check revealed that no less than 20 casualties had resulted in the six hours of action for the company, and the only means of communication with headquarters was radio, which was not practical because of the proximity of the enemy. Wire communications had to be established.

Pfc. Wineberger and Pfc. Woodrow Worthington, of Denver, Colo., volunteered to run the gauntlet of enemy snipers and patrols back to the Sieg to bring up telephone wire. The two wormed their way through the black of night for more than four hours with only the light of backflashes from enemy and supporting artillery to guide them, but they accomplished the mission.

At 0530 the following morning as the company prepared to resume the attack, Captain Frank J. Tolocka, commanding officer, said to a tired, bedraggled soldier, "Wineberger, I thought I told you to stay behind until your side was in good shape."

"Sir," answered the soldier blandly, "I didn't hear you say any such thing." Pfc. Wineberger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wineberger, of Boone. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Wineberger, lives in Baltimore, Md.

In Germany



Pfc. Argus Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wallace, of Trade, Tenn., was inducted into the army March 23, 1943, and has been overseas for 12 months. He is now in Germany.

U. S. Apple Crop Smaller Than 1944

Raleigh—Indications are that the United States apple crop will be much smaller than in 1944, but probably larger than the extremely short 1943 harvest, according to J. J. Morgan, statistician with the State Department of Agriculture.

Meantime, Morgan reported, the North Carolina apple crop, although smaller than last year's by a wide margin, is "probably not as small as was thought to be the case following the early April freezes."

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The Wagner-Murray social security bills, which would extend social security to 15,000,000 additional people, including farmers, will undoubtedly be the most debated measure of 1945. Its passage or defeat will determine, for years to come, the part which government will play in social welfare.

The measure not only calls for wide expansion in present social security, but includes payment of doctor bills, hospital bills, unemployment allotments, and general expansion of hospital and public health service. The cost is estimated to amount to 8 percent of a worker's pay—4 percent of which would be paid by his employer and 4 percent deducted from the wages.

Since the measure, when it comes up for hearings, will probably be discussed for many weeks, the public will get an opportunity to judge it—and congressmen, it is believed, will make a determined effort to cast their votes in keeping with the attitude of the majority of their constituents. The most outspoken opponents of the measures realize that the benefits have a strong appeal. But they question whether the majority will want to pay the tremendous cost of such a plan and whether the people want the government to take such a big step toward socialism.

Leather Sandals On Ration List

Approximately 400 shoe repair shops in Western North Carolina were reminded today by C. D. Barker, district commodity rationing officer of the OPA that sandals made wholly or in part of leather, new or used, are rationed and must not be sold without a shoe stamp.

Mr. Parker said that recent OPA surveys have revealed that shoe repair shops are making these leather sandals and selling them either wholesale or retail without stamps in violation of Ration Order No. 17.

"In fairness to legitimate shoe dealers the practice must be stopped and OPA will use every facility that it possesses to stop this illegal sale," Parker said.

AAA has under way a concerted drive to produce more legume and grass seed in 1945.

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THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Lesson for June 10: Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:16-21; Mark 8:27a, 29, 30

Four passages from the Gospels, arranged in order of time in the lesson text, give a comprehensive picture of the ministry of Jesus. He came at an opportune time (Mark 1:15). The Old Testament and John the Baptist had prepared the way. It was also an opportune time for proclaiming the gospel. Enforced peace under the empire, Roman roads, and shipping on the Mediterranean made the journeys of Paul and others possible. At first synagogues in chief cities were places of assembly. The wide knowledge of the Greek enabled the apostles to speak to the most of men in a common language.

Think how graciously Jesus fulfills the ancient prophecy (Isaiah 61)—the poor, captives, blind, bruised are included in his healing ministry. Suffering millions in Europe and elsewhere need that blessed ministry now—both to body and soul.

The Great Confession (Mark 8:27a, 29) shows that Jesus must have our belief in his Person—we must believe in Him. On the rock of personal faith in him as Saviour he builds his church.

It was toward the accomplishment of all things associated with his name that Jesus told his disciples that he must suffer. There was no escape from Gethsemane and the cross. We may not find any philosophy of the Atonement completely satisfying, but we must know that somehow by the sacrifice of Jesus we may be healed, and we must believe if we would be healed. Do we believe?

Governor Proclaims June 'Dairy Month'

Raleigh—Governor Gregg Cherry on Monday issued a proclamation making June Dairy Month in North Carolina.

In asking the citizens of the state to join him in recognizing the efforts of the dairy industry and its products as "vital to victory," Governor Cherry declared that "dairy farmers and the entire dairy industry are exerting every possible means of producing the maximum amounts of these products under tremendous handicaps of manpower, equipment and repair parts shortages."

In his proclamation, the governor pointed to the need of better understanding of the importance and the use of dairy products—to the end that maximum food values might be obtained from such supplies as are available.

Politically, Belgium is a constitutional monarchy.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their expressions of kindness and sympathy since the notice of the death of our son, Lemuel K. Davis, who was reported killed in action in the Philippine islands—JOHN DAVIS & FAMILY, Valle Crucis, N. C.