

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, July 24—The eyes of government are turned toward Potsdam, Germany, where it is fervently hoped that President Truman, meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, will find suitable answers to the complicated problems of territorial adjustments, feeding the millions of liberated.

Although there has not been much talk recently about Russia entering the war against Japan, military leaders here are hoping that the conferences will help to bring about that happy event.

Although the war against Japan is progressing much faster than was expected, it is predicted that it will last for another year or two unless we have Russia's help. Rumors of an early peace were spiked recently by Joseph C. Grew, acting secretary of state, who said that no peace feelers had been received by anyone who could speak for the Japanese government.

Defending our country's stand on demanding unconditional surrender from Japan, Mr. Grew warned that any compromise peace would probably mean another war in the future.

Hearings on the United Nations charter before the senate foreign relations committee have given an excellent cross-section of the highly varied views of the people of this country on the problems of peace. Although it is obvious that the majority favor approval of the charter in its present form, spokesmen for various groups attacked it as "fraudulent," a "deceitful international conspiracy" and a document that would encourage rather than discourage war. Some thought it committed our country to too much, others that it did not commit us to enough. Some took advantage of their appearance before the committee to blame the senate for the war and to accuse congress of turn-

Brothers, Brother-in-Law Serve in Army



S-Sgt. Ronald C. Rominger, upper left, who enlisted in the army air corps in 1941, is now serving at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. A brother, Pfc. William D. Rominger, upper left, of the U. S. paratroopers, entered service in 1944 and is serving in the Philippines. A brother-in-law, Cpl. John R. Presnell, below, has been in service since 1944, and is in Italy. These are sons and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rominger, of Rominger, N. C. Cpl. Presnell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Presnell of Sugar Grove.

ing our country over to the Russians.

But other spokesmen, representing millions of Americans, urged immediate approval of the charter as a first step toward permanent peace.

Immediately following the drastic cut in the use of sleeping cars for civilians, the office of defense transportation began considering other travel curbs which would help ease the difficulties of troop movements. The ODT still hopes to avoid actual rationing of travel, but has made it clear that it will use rationing, or a priority system, if the situation cannot be solved otherwise. It is estimated that approximately 5,000,000 troops will be moved by rail before fall.

Fear that the production of feed grains may be smaller this year than during any year since the war started makes it look as though our meat shortage may continue through 1946 and possibly into 1947. Although estimates of production can turn out to be over pessimistic, present predictions are that the corn crop will be over 500,000,000 bushels less than in 1944. On the other hand, the wheat crop may be the greatest we have ever had. This means that there is no danger of an actual food shortage, but since the production of meat is apt to be reduced by a shortage of feed grains, it may necessitate a major shift in the present American diet.

More than 100 bills, seeking changes in the social security program, are now before the house ways and means committee. When they will be considered is not known but it is expected that one of the first to be discussed will be one introduced by Representative Doughton, at the request of the President, to permit unemployment compensation up to a maximum of \$25 a week as compared with the present maximum of \$15.

4-H'ERS TO CHECK HAZARDS DURING 2ND NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, JULY 22-29

The 4-H clubs, largest rural youth organization in the United States, will check accident hazards during the second annual Farm Safety Week, July 22-29.

These rural youth are being urged to place special emphasis during that period upon removing home and farm-work hazards which lead to falls and burns. These causes result in the death of 11,500 farm persons annually.

The boys' and girls' safety achievements during the week will be credited to their record in the National 4-H Farm Safety activity. Honor awards in that program are provided by General Motors on county, state, sectional and national levels. These awards comprise medals, \$25 war bonds, National 4-H Congress honors, and \$200 college scholarships.

N. C. HATCHERIES BREAK PRODUCTION RECORDS

Raleigh—North Carolina commercial chick hatcheries broke all previous production records during the first six months of this year, the output totaling 31,177,000 chicks or a 10 percent increase over the record set in 1929.

On Borneo, close to recaptured oil-rich Tarakan, natives have grown rich from collecting edible bird's nests.

Zionville News

(Too late for last week) Miss Hettie Greer has had as guests for the past two weeks Mrs. N. J. Greer, Sr., Mrs. Elvin Harrison and "Sonny" Harrison, of Whiteville, N. C.; Sgt. N. J. Greer, Jr., of Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. N. J. Greer, Jr., and son, Jimmy, of Charleston, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Henson and small son of Vilas, were guests here Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, of Bristol, Va., were week-end visitors here of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Isenhower.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smythe, of Mountain City, Tenn., spent the week-end here with Miss Ettie Younce.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Duncan, of Jefferson, were guests here Sunday of Mrs. Duncan's mother, Mrs. Lillie Thomas.

Dr. James Butler, of Mountain City, visited among friends here during the past week.

V. B. BOWERS DIES IN FLORIDA

Elk Park—V. B. Bowers, Sr., 83, former Elk Park attorney, died at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., July 16, it has been learned here.

Mr. Bowers, a native of Elizabethton, Tenn., was widely known as an attorney in this state and in Tennessee.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lucretia Wise Bowers, of Ft. Lauderdale and Elk Park; and four children, Mrs. Minnie Harrington of Covington, Ky.; V. B. Bowers, Jr., of Ft. Lauderdale; Mrs. Ed Williams of Ft. Lauderdale, and Mrs. Alma Reece, of Kentucky.

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GOD'S PROMISE OF A NATION

Lesson for July 29: Genesis 17:1-10; Golden Text, Genesis 17:7

In his selfishness Lot chose a wicked city and riches, the record of him ends in the cave to which he fled from the ruin of Sodom.

But Abraham retained his wealth and grew in his knowledge of God. When he was 99 years old, God appeared to him to renew covenant with him and promise him the fatherhood of many nations. History shows the fulfillment of this promise. Father of the Hebrew race, Abraham was the ancestor through Ishmael of the Arabs, and through the posterity of Keturah of several nomadic races, including the Midianites.

Better than the fatherhood of many nations was the promise that the Lord would be the God of his people. This promise God has always kept with those who allow him to do so. Alas! as was often true in Israel, God's people may thwart his purposes for them.

The promise was accompanied by a token and sealed with a rite, that of circumcision, which was practiced by several ancient nations, including the Egyptians and the Arabs, and is regarded now as a wise thing. With the Israelites it was given a spiritual significance—that of purification. The rites of Christians are baptism and the holy communion, the one of initiation into the Christian life and the other of continued faith and fellowship.

From whatever quarter of the world you trace your blood stream, acknowledge your debt to Abraham as a spiritual father of believers, who has left them a heritage of faith which has survived the ancient kingdoms that claimed him as their founder.

BRITISH, YANKS KILL OR CAPTURE 1,500,000 YANKS

Washington—America and British forces have killed or taken prisoner some 1,500,000 Japs to clear the way for what Admiral Nimitz calls the "pre-invasion stage," official figures indicate.

An estimated 600,000 others have been cut off or by-passed on Pacific islands. Still thousands of others have perished in China.

(Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reported recently that 1,203,067 Japs either have been killed or captured in eight years of fighting in China.)

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