

**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON**

**A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital**

Washington, March 5—As Canada's investigation of its atomic spy ring progressed and rumors persisted that ramifications of the case extended to the U. S., Secretary of State Byrnes sought to reassure Americans that this country alone still held the all-important secret of manufacturing the A-bomb.

At the same time, Byrnes took pains to deny charges that the state department had interfered with the FBI's probe of an atomic spy ring in the U. S. to avoid giving offense to Russia.

Capitol insiders supported Byrnes' public reassurances, scoffing at reports that a Russian agent had been permitted to leave a west coast port with a suitcase loaded with atomic information, since plans for all phases of A-bomb development would weigh many tons. Insiders also scotched a story that the FBI had been compelled to release another Red operative in New York City, declaring that the G-men lacked sufficient evidence to hold the man.

Meanwhile, close observers anxiously awaited the effect of the Canadian investigation upon the already strained British-Russian relations. Though openly admitting that its military attaché had collected atomic information from Canadians prior to his recall, Russia sought to minimize the incident by accusing the dominion of trying to divert attention from Communist championing of the cause of independence for subject international situation and an all-out legislative fight for his liberal domestic program, President Truman was further harassed by the tension within his own party over his stubborn espousal of Edwin W. Pauley's nomination for under-secretary of the navy.

Personal loyalty long has been one of Harry Truman's outstanding virtues, but in this case party stalwarts believe that he may have carried his fealty too far. Continuing to back Pauley in the face of former Secretary of the Interior Ickes' charges that the big Californian had proposed raising \$300,000 for the 1944 Democratic war chest



Above is a picture of Gene Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reese, which appeared recently in The Courier, a newspaper published by the base hospital at Portsmouth, Va. He underwent an operation at the hospital three weeks ago and it was during the period of his recuperation that Miss Lormina Paradise, USO portrait artist, came to the hospital and made a sketch of him. Mr. and Mrs. Reese went to Portsmouth last week to bring their son home for the week-end. He left Monday to resume his studies at Naval Dentistry school, Portsmouth.

if the government would drop its efforts to gain title over underwater oil lands, the politicians fear the President is providing the Republicans with damaging campaign ammunition.

Calling upon Pauley himself to quit, Sen. Tom Stewart (Dem., Ky.) declared: "We have had one Teapot Dome experience in this country, and I hope we do not have another one. You can not mix oil, water and politics."

With the objection of state rightists met by eliminating the U. S. education commissioner's supervision over administration of the act, the house passed the 50 million dollar school lunch program by a top-heavy vote of 275 to 101 and sent it to the senate.

Elimination of the disputed feature of the bill came after heated debate during which the state rightists declared that U. S. supervision would create a new bureaucracy and open the door to federal control of education.

**STATE FARMERS SHOW LESS LIVESTOCK THAN YEAR AGO**

Raleigh, Feb. 26—There are fewer numbers of all species of livestock on North Carolina farms now than a year ago, according to the N. C. agricultural department.

This information is based on reports from several thousand farmers throughout the state who reported their livestock numbers to the federal-state crop reporting service. While the numbers of livestock were down from last year, the values of most species showed a decided increase, in that the value per head was considerably more on January 1, 1946, than for the preceding year. The decrease in numbers of livestock was not evident in the report for chickens and turkeys, chicken numbers being one percent above 1945 and turkey numbers up four percent.

The world's 1945-46 rice harvest is listed at 6,200,000,000 bushels, a decline of about 10 percent when compared with the output of the previous year.

**Zionville News**

Myron Greer is here from Cleveland, Ohio, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Greer, and other relatives.

Mrs. Reed Potter has returned to her home in Bristol, Tenn., after visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Potter.

Mrs. A. J. May is visiting relatives in Moravian Falls for a couple of weeks.

Miss Grace Pennell, who has been a guest here of relatives recently, has returned to High Point, N. C., from where she is being transferred to St. Louis, Mo., for future employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller had as guests Sunday Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, also Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson and Mrs. Lucille Miller, of Meat Camp and Boone.

W. K. Wilson, who has been confined to his home from illness, is able to be out again.

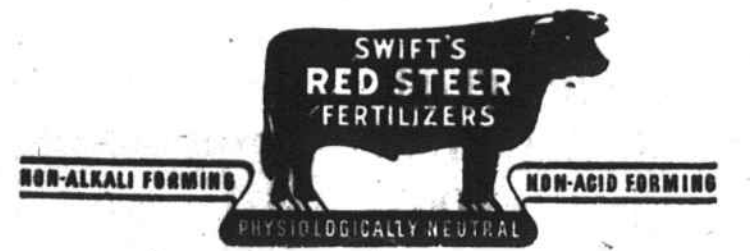
Mrs. Kathleen Cook of Boone, was a week-end guest here of Miss Dora Critcher.

Mahogany trees in Honduras take about 200 years to reach full size—100 feet tall and 40 feet in circumference.

The test of a good farm mortgage loan is one in which the farm offered as security will produce sufficient income to pay operating and living expenses plus principal on the loan.

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