

News Comment From the Capital

Washington, May 1.—(Auto-caster)—So many Senators and Representatives are reporting the receipt of floods of letters from the folks back home, expressing the fear that the United States is heading toward war, or asking what the real foreign policy of the Administration is, that it is evident that a "war scare" of considerable dimensions is spreading over the nation.

The fear that the United States is being headed toward participation in another European war has not been allayed by the utterances of men in high positions. Those include the President, whose recent public expressions have caused alarm, and Senator Taft of Ohio, who openly charged the President with exaggerating the war situation for the purpose of promoting his own political fortunes. "Ballyhoo" is the word Senator Taft used.

It is not easy to discover and set down all the facts in a situation so complicated by personalities and ambitions, but the combined judgment of the best-informed observers in Washington may be summarized somewhat as follows:

First, there is more war talk and fear of war in the United States than there is in England, and less justification for it. Newspaper headlines and loose talk in Washington are to blame.

Second, the President does not want to drag the United States into war but is sincerely trying to prevent or postpone a war between the great European powers. The best judgment here is that his public statements so far have had a deterrent effect upon the dictators.

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Improvement In Condition Two Hurt In Wreck

News today from Statesville hospitals indicated that H. V. Overcash and Gordon Forester, who were badly injured in an auto accident Wednesday night in which M. G. Butner and H. A. Forester were killed, are getting along as well as could be expected.

However, it is expected that Mr. Overcash may be confined to his room for several weeks due to back injuries, including two fractured vertebrae. Mr. Forester received many lacerations on his head and face but may be released from the hospital in about a week.

Important Change Is Made In AAA

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, has announced an important revision in the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program enabling farmers to earn full payment offered for compliance with their acreage allotments even though they fail to plant 80 percent of their allotments.

In the past it has been necessary for farmers to plant at least 80 percent of the allotments given them, otherwise the payment was made on the basis of 125 percent of the acreage actually planted.

Floyd said that the change is the result of a recent amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and that Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace put the change into effect for this season.

In this connection, the AAA officer said that the idle farm land provision of the Agricultural Adjustment Act is not affected by the ruling. The revision applies to cotton, corn, wheat, potatoes and commercial vegetables, and Floyd said that farmers may earn full payment offered for compliance even though they plant no acreage to these crops, provided the farm is operated in 1939.

The purpose of this change is to simplify the Agricultural Conservation Program and to make it equitable to all farmers, which the AAA is constantly striving to do," Floyd stated.

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CLOSED DOOR POLICY



As a protest against what he terms a "misuse" of science by the totalitarian states, Professor Percy Bridgman, Harvard university physicist, has shut his research laboratory to visitors from those countries and refuses to discuss his experiments with them.

Women to Discuss Curb Market Plan In Meeting Soon

Home Demonstration Club Council To Hear Mrs. Morris on Friday

Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, marketing specialist of the extension service of State College, will speak to the federation of home demonstration clubs to be held in the office of the home demonstration agent in the Wilkes courthouse on Friday, May 5, two o'clock.

Mrs. Morris will talk principally on the subject of "Marketing" and will meet with the directors named to establish a local curb market.

Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent who made announcement of the meeting, asked that all club officers and project leaders be present.

The scheduled demonstration on preparation of poultry products for market, originally set for Friday, has been postponed until a later date. Miss McGoogan said.

May 27 Will Be Poppy Day Here

Eleven Million Memorial Flowers Made For Sale To Help Veterans

Poppy Day will be observed throughout the United States on Saturday, May 27, with the wearing of memorial poppies in honor of the World War dead. Mrs. J. B. McCoy, President of the Wilkes No. 125 Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today. The observance will be led by the Auxiliary women who will distribute poppies on the streets during the day.

More than eleven million of the little red memorial flowers have been made by disabled World War veterans working in government hospitals and in poppy workrooms maintained by the Auxiliary. These flowers are crepe paper replicas of the poppies which grew on the World War battlefields and among which the dead and wounded fell. They are recognized throughout the English-speaking world as the memorial flower for those who fell in defense of democracy.

Plans for the local observance of Poppy Day are being completed by the Wilkes No. 125 Auxiliary Unit under the leadership of Mrs. A. F. Kilby. Unit Poppy chairman, aided by a large committee. Volunteer workers from the Unit will offer poppies on the streets all day and will receive contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary welfare and relief work among the disabled veterans.

Poppies for distribution here have been ordered from Indianapolis, Indiana, where disabled veterans have been given employment through the winter and spring making the little flowers. They are expected to be worn more generally than ever before on Poppy Day this year.

If time keeps goin' and it will; if folks keep natural, and they will—the only man who will win a good name will be a dead one.

Tubercular Clinic In Wilkes County To Begin May 15

Specialist From State Sanatorium Will Give Examinations Without Cost

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, today announced that an adult tuberculosis clinic will begin for Wilkes county people on Monday, May 15.

Dr. Skeen, a specialist from the state sanatorium, will give the examinations, which will be without cost to the patients.

Dr. Eller is asking all who have been in contact with tubercular patients or who for any reason suspect that they may have contracted the disease to be examined during the clinic.

Those wishing examination are asked to call at the health office in the courthouse on Thursday, Friday or Saturday during the next two weeks and make appointments. The test will be given at the time of making the appointment, he said.

Forester Rites Held On Friday

Funeral Service For Accident Victim Held At Reins-Sturdivant

Funeral service was held in Reins-Sturdivant chapel Friday afternoon for Henry A. (Red) Forester, age 30, one of two members of the Duke Power company office personnel who was killed in an automobile accident on highway 115 15 miles north of Statesville Wednesday night.

Mr. Forester had been with the Duke Power company branch here for several years and was a valued member of the office and service departments.

He was the son of the late Arthur Forester and Mrs. Nettie Staley Forester, who survives. Also surviving are his wife, two children, Edward Arthur and Rachel, and the following brothers and sisters: Burette Forester, Statesville; Gwyn Forester, Sparta; Mrs. Leonard Walker, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Ernest Pierce, Millers Creek; Mrs. Ken Lankford and Mrs. Poy Raymer, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Gilbert Royal, Elkin.

Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church here, conducted the funeral service. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery. The last rites were largely attended.

Mrs. James Handy Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held today at Cane Creek church for Mrs. Loretta Handy, age 70, of this city. She died Saturday. Mrs. Monroe Dillard and Rev. Wirt Walker were in charge of the last rites. She was the wife of the late James C. Handy.

She leaves the following children: H. F. Handy, Hays; Rudolph Handy, McGrady; Mrs. Wrenn Myers, Elkhorn, W. Va.; Mrs. W. C. H. Egins, Radical; Mrs. Cora Billing, McGrady; Mrs. C. M. Dancy, Halls Mills; Mrs. Stella Key, North Wilkesboro.

Is Hitler Planning Ukrainian Conquest?



Map shows huge eastern European area inhabited by Ukrainians, whom Germany's Reichsfuehrer Hitler would group into one nation under domination of the Third Reich. Recent Nazi conquests in the former republic of Czechoslovakia and his trade overtures to Rumania lead international observers to believe the Fuehrer is paving the way for his "drive to the east" in which a new state would be carved, principally from Russian territory.

Rangers Quartet Coming To City

Concert To Be Given At High School Building; Sponsored By Juniors

The Rangers Male Quartet, stars of the radio and stage, will appear at the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium on Friday, May 5th, at 8:15 p. m., under the auspices of the Junior Order.

The Rangers are known far and wide for their comedy and harmony, and they have with them the south's lowest bass. They will render a splendid program, and as the concert is being given to help such a worthy cause as the local Junior Order, it is hoped that a large number of people will attend.

Admission charges will be most reasonable—15 and 25 cents.

To Fill Vacancy Wilkesboro P. O.

Examination Announced To Fill Vacancy on Job As Fireman-Laborer

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Fireman-Laborer for filling vacancies in the Custodial Service, Post Office, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, the usual entrance salary being \$1260 a year.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than May 18, 1939.

Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on their training and experience.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Postmaster, Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Wilkes King and Queen of Health Make Good Showing in The District

Bowman On Honor Roll At University

Chapel Hill.—R. I. Bowman, of North Wilkesboro, made the scholastic honor roll at the University of North Carolina last quarter.

To make the honor roll a student at the University must average a grade of B (90 to 95) on all courses.

Mrs. J. H. Rector Claimed by Death

Funeral Service For Local Resident Held Sunday; Died Saturday

Mrs. Eva Rector, wife of J. H. Rector, prominent citizen of this city, died Saturday morning at their home on E street.

She had been ill for a few weeks and critically ill for several days prior to her death.

She was the last member of her family, there being no surviving brothers or sisters and no children, nieces and nephews being the nearest surviving relatives.

Mrs. Rector was very favorably known by her friends and neighbors and her passing was an occasion of sorrow to all her acquaintances.

Rev. A. L. Aycock, assisted by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, conducted the last rites at the home Sunday afternoon and burial was in Mountain Park cemetery in Wilkesboro.

Pall bearers were E. P. Robinson, Harry Summers, W. R. Absher, J. C. Reins, C. P. Walter and H. M. Hutchens.

Hendersonville Man To Succeed Mr. Butner Here

Robert S. Gibbs Comes To City Highly Recommended As Branch Manager

Mr. Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., for the past nine years a member of the Duke Power organization at Hendersonville, has been appointed manager of the North Wilkesboro district of the company to succeed the late M. G. Butner, according to an announcement by Vice President E. C. Marshall today.

The new manager of the North Wilkesboro district is a native of Mars Hill, Madison county. He was educated at Mars Hill College and Georgia School of Technology from which he was an electrical engineer graduate in 1925. Following his graduation from Georgia Tech he took the General Electric test course at Schenectady, N. Y., and later spent a while in the New York office of the General Electric Company. He left the position of assistant agent of the General Electric Company at Asheville in September 1936 to go with the Duke Power Company.

During his connection with the Hendersonville branch of the Duke Power Company he has served as engineer, as salesman, as bookkeeper and in other capacities. By native ability, training and a well rounded experience he is extremely well qualified for the promotion which has come to him.

During his residence at Hendersonville Mr. Gibbs has been very active in civic affairs in that city. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Kiwanis club and has been particularly active in the work of the boy scouts organization.

Mr. Gibbs was married in 1929 to Miss Isabella Gardner of Athens, Ga. They have four children. Mr. Gibbs will move his family to North Wilkesboro in the immediate future.

Funeral Saturday For M. G. Butner

Service Conducted at Home By Baptist Pastor; Burial at East Bend

Funeral service was held Saturday morning at his residence on Fifth street for M. G. Butner, 42, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident Wednesday night on the new highway number 115 about 15 miles north of Statesville.

Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted the funeral service at the home and burial service was at East Bend, his native community.

The services were largely attended and the flowers were a tribute to the respect in which he was held.

Pall bearers were selected from the personnel of the Duke Power company branch here.

Officer Making Equipment Drive

Patrolman Warns Motorists To Have Required Car Equipment

Patrolman Carlyle Ingle, of the State highway patrol, said today that a drive on motorists with improper car equipment is under way and warned that arrests are being made daily.

The drive is particularly stressing improper lights, bad brakes, and absence of the other equipment which the law says must be in good working order.

Speaking of the importance of proper equipment, the officer said that in his opinion improper lights on the truck involved were greatly responsible for the accident on highway 115 Wednesday night which claimed the lives of M. G. Butner and H. A. Forester.

Several arrests were made during the week-end, including two for drunken driving, and a number for improper lights, improper license and for driving without driving license.

MASONIC NOTICE

Regular communication of North Wilkesboro lodge No. 78, E. A. M. Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 p. m. All members requested to attend.

World Aggressors Headache to Map Makers



With a new Europe, a new Asia and the possibility of a new Africa in the making, map-makers of America as well as the rest of the world are finding it a gigantic task to keep abreast with the constantly changing political frontier. One man—Adolf Hitler—has caused the cartographers' untold headaches. They spend months correcting all their charts, changing names, revising colors and ordering new prints. These in three or four days the maps are worthless except for reference works. Boundaries have again been changed. Globes made pictured at the left, are more difficult to correct than flat maps, and present problems altogether different.

John M. Dula, 75, Died On Saturday

John M. Dula, age 75, a prominent resident of the Ferguson community, died Saturday and funeral service was held today at Elk Baptist church with Rev. Alfred Foster in charge.

Surviving are one brother, R. L. Dula, and two sisters, Mrs. L. M. Bumgarner and Mrs. Jane Dula.

Exports of American wheat and flour since last July have totaled 101,300,000 bushels.