

# Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

## OPPONENTS PLAN FIGHT ON WALLACE

Washington—House Republicans launched a drive this week to deprive President Roosevelt of all authority to assign any powers to Henry A. Wallace except those of a trimmed-down commerce department.

Republican Leader Martin, of Massachusetts, notified the house he would seek to amend the senate's George bill to restrict the president's wartime power to reshuffle federal agencies. This would repeal a part of the war powers act.

"Unless we do that," Martin told newspapermen later "the president could assign Wallace control over 25 or 30 federal agencies not now under the commerce department."

The bill offered by Senator George (D.Ga.), and passed by the senate splits the commerce department away from the vast lending agencies formerly administered by ousted Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones. To give the house time to act on this bill, the senate has deferred action on Wallace's nomination to be secretary of commerce.

## WOULD ANNEX SOME OF WILKES TO CALDWELL

Raleigh—A bill to annex a portion of Wilkes county to adjoining Caldwell, said to have been inspired by proposed congressional flood control legislation, hit the legislature this week and the Wilkes delegation, currently Republican, immediately set its sights for a bitter fight.

The measure, introduced by Democratic Rep. J. T. Pritchett, of Caldwell, would transfer to Caldwell a portion of three townships having a population of approximately 2,000. Pritchett said he introduced the measure by request.

Representatives of both counties told newsmen after the session that no party fight was involved, but Rep. T. E. Story of Wilkes, the house minority leader, said 'our county will fight the proposal with everything we've got.' Story's running mate in the senate, W. B. Somers, also is Republican.

## MANY WAR PRISONERS STARVED TO DEATH

With The First Cavalry, Manila—Brig.-Gen. William C. Chase's "flying wedge" of the first cavalry swept into Manila at 6:40 p. m., Saturday and fought its way hand to hand into the university and Santo Tomas concentration camp, withholding artillery fire so that American internees would not be harmed.

In the first report on the condition of those in the city, Chase messaged his commander, Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge:

"The civilians are practically starved. The internees are practically skin and bone. It would break your heart to look at them."

## BIG COAL SHORTAGE IN EAST CONTINUES

Washington—Interruption of normal activities in Northeastern states increased this week amid serious shortages of gas and coal and transport tie-ups caused by prolonged cold weather.

Fortunately the weather moderated in the stricken area, as it did virtually throughout the nation. Chicago forecasters said temperatures had risen by afternoon in the east to levels well above zero and in some cases up to freezing.

They foresaw no bitterly cold weather anywhere, nor any heavy snow that would add to the misery of the east.

Most spectacular of the measures countering the shortages was a War Production board order forbidding amusement places to use natural or mixed natural-and-artificial gas in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Washington,

## ROUND WORLD PUPPY



Two-year-old Marilyn Diana Schwartz of Jersey City, N. J., cuddles tiny brown puppy, belated Christmas gift from an unknown friend 13,000 miles away in Sydney, Australia.

## ALLIED CONVOYS ON BURMA ROAD MARCH

Chungking — The first allied convoy over the reopened Burma road arrived this week at the Chinese city of Kunming, completing a 970-mile journey from Ledo, India, with supplies for the Chinese army.

The convoy, numbering more than 100 vehicles, crossed Burma and reached the Chinese border at Wanting, Jan. 28. Artillery pieces as well as trucks were included in the convoy which had wound its way through jungles and mountains.

## MANY REFUGEES ARE NOW IN GERMANY

Paris—The present Russian offensive has raised the number of war refugees inside Germany to 23,000,000, more than one-third of the reich's pre-war population, information available at supreme headquarters showed.

Before the beginning of the Red army's "drive on Berlin," more than 20,000,000 Germans were made homeless or forced into temporary shelters away from home by the prolonged allied aerial hammering of the reich's cities, the civil affairs section at SHAEF estimated.

The plight of these people is strictly a German affair, for allied plans for military government in Germany after her surrender make no provision for outside aid in rehabilitating towns, industry or population.

## SERIES OF MEETINGS OF BEER DISTRIBUTORS

Raleigh—A series of retailer and distributor meetings will be held in February and March under the auspices of the North Carolina Committee of the U. S. Brewers Foundation.

State Director Edgar H. Bain, Goldsboro, will conduct the meetings as a part of the beer industry's voluntary cooperation program in North Carolina.

Distributor meetings are scheduled for Durham, Raleigh, Gastonia, Hickory, Salisbury, Asheville, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Elizabeth City, Greensboro, Winston Salem, Charlotte, New Bern and Rocky Mount.

## COUNTY OVER QUOTA IN MEREDITH CAMPAIGN

Thomas E. Story, of Wilkesboro, chairman of Region Seven in the Meredith College Campaign, in the state, reported to the State Executive Committee in Raleigh, recently, that progress was being made in all ten counties in this region.

"Ira T. Johnston, chairman of the Ashe county campaign, with the help of a very generous

D. C., and parts of Maryland and Virginia between 7 p. m. Eastern War time and 7 p. m., this week.

## Franklin D. Roosevelt Urges Full Support Of Red Cross

Washington — President Roosevelt this week designated March as "Red Cross month" in a proclamation calling for contributions to the organization's 1945 appeal for a minimum war fund of \$200,000,000.

In the proclamation made public by the White House, the President said he was "confident in the readiness of the people to respond to the utmost of their ability in support of this organization . . . dedicated to their services in this hour of increasing need."

The proclamation was dated Jan. 19. It follows:

Roosevelt's Red Cross proclamation as made public by the White House yesterday follows:

Whereas, under the provisions of its congressional charter, the American National Red Cross, in this fourth year of the war is fulfilling its obligations to comfort our wounded, to cheer and help our servicemen on every fighting front, and to provide an essential link between these men and their families at home, thereby relieving anxiety and restoring hope to all those who are suffering and in need of aid:

Whereas this organization is helping the people at home to stand firmly behind our fighting men through its collection of blood for our wounded, its shipment of food parcels, medical supplies, and comfort items to our prisoners of war in enemy hands, its production of surgical dressings, and its recruitment of nurses for our army and navy; and

Whereas the American National Red Cross is also carrying on its peacetime activities by assisting the civilian victims of tornado, flood and other disaster, and by training the people of our nation to combat sickness and accident and thus to prevent suffering and death; and

Whereas, by the very nature of its services and the principles for which it stands the American National Red Cross is helping to build a world of unity, and peace and brotherhood, recognizing no barriers of creed or race; and

Whereas, this organization, which represents a tangible expression of the desire of the people to reach out to the nations' fighting men, now far removed from them, and which is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions to carry out its purposes is issuing to every citizen of this country, its 1945 appeal for a minimum war fund of \$200,000,000;

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America and president of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month of March, 1945, as Red Cross month, confident in the readiness of the people to respond to the utmost of their ability in support of this organization built by their generous contributions in the past and dedicated to their services in this hour of increasing need.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty five, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and sixty ninth.

The REA has announced a loan allotment of \$150,000 to the Central Electric Membership Corporation at Sanford in Lee county.

pledge from Mrs. B. E. Reeves and the late Dr. Reeves, in memory of their daughter, Mrs. Katherine Reeves Duncan, have gone over the county's goal," Mr. Story stated.

## Stratford News MRS. THELMA MABE Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wolf, who were married on January 27, visited relatives here last week. Mrs. Wolf is the former Miss Ruth Atwood, of this place but has made her home at King for several years where she is employed at the Pilot Mountain hosiery mills. Mr. Wolf holds a position in Winston-Salem. The couple will make their home at King.

Roy Ellison, who has been quite ill for several days with a severe attack of septic sore throat, is slowly improving. Mr. and Mrs. Cary Edwards and family have moved to the farm owned by Mrs. J. G. Joines, and known as the L. E. Edwards place. We are glad to welcome them to this community. R. M. Joines, who has been in ill health for sometime does not seem to improve. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Blevins, Miss Ruth Blevins and Harlon Harrison, of Galax, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Irwin, who have lived at Burlington and Fort Bragg for sometime, spent the week end here with relatives and visited her mother, Mrs. S. Jane Sanders, who has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin expect to remain here for the present. Matt Estep is slowly improving after a recent illness.

Franklin Hendricks, of Portsmouth, Va., is spending several days here on business. Mrs. Paul Douglas left Saturday night to visit her sister, Miss Imogene Richardson in Bel Air, Md. Philo Caudill and daughter, Cordio Belle, visited Mrs. Estel Caudill and Mrs. Matt Estep, Sunday. Mrs. Oscar Richardson and Mrs. I. B. Richardson were visitors of Mrs. S. Jane Sanders at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson, Sunday. Mrs. Della Caudill visited Mrs. Robert Rector, Sunday. T-4 and Mrs. Richard Morrison and daughter are spending this week with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fender. T-4 Morrison, who is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., will return to his base on Sunday, while Mrs. Morrison and daughter will remain here for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Billings have moved to the John Petty place near Prather's Creek church. The farm is now owned by J. H. Watson. J. R. McLeod is ill at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mabe, of Galax, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mabe, Sunday.

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