

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

## ALUMINUM COMPANY RELEASES PATENTS

Washington—The aluminum Company of America has granted the Government free use of its aluminum patents, and thus has "cleared the way for competition" in the industry, the Surplus Property Administration announced.

Surplus Property Administrator W. Stuart Symington announced the agreement with ALCOA and the leasing by Reynolds Metal Company, largest of ALCOA's competitors, of two Government-owned plants in Arkansas. The leases were made possible by ALCOA release of patents, he said.

The agreement gave Symington victory in a running battle between him and ALCOA. It reached its climax with his charge that the company was obstructing disposal of Government plants by clinging to its patents.

He said the company at that time was trying to get the more desirable Government plants for itself and "thus increase and solidify its own monopolistic position."

## WAR CRIMINAL TRIALS TO LAST UNTIL JUNE

Nuernberg—The war crimes trial will last at least until June 15, and sentences on the 21 German defendants in custody may not be carried out before July 15, well informed quarters said this week.

When the International Military Tribunal resumes its sessions, American and British prosecutors will present cases against 10 more individual defendants. This job is expected to run through today. Then the French and Russians are to begin their cases.

## INCREASE SHOWN IN N. C. MINERALS NOW

Raleigh—Dr. Jasper L. Stuckley, State geologist, said in a speech here last week that "there are excellent prospects for the early development of industries in both metallic and nonmetallic minerals in North Carolina."

He spoke at a meeting of the local farm hands club.

Dr. Stuckley said the State again may turn out sponge iron after a mining lapse of 62 years if tests now being conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Mines in Cherokee county are favorable.

## SUB-ZERO WEATHER STRIKES AT MIDWEST

Chicago—Sub-zero cold chilled residents of six Middle Western States Sunday, but moderation was developing to the West.

Government weather forecasters described the frigid snap as normal January weather for the regions affected but said it might be more noticeable than usual because of the "extremely mild" weather so far this month.

Readings of 27 below at Pembina, N. D.; 23 below at Bemidji, Minn.; 13 below at Park Falls, Wis. and below zero in some of Iowa, South Dakota and Michigan were reported to the Chicago Weather Bureau.

## JAPAN WILL HOLD ELECTION IN MARCH

Tokyo—Allied headquarters has authorized the Japanese Government to hold its general elections any time after March 15 to choose a new House of Representatives.

The Cabinet is expected to proclaim the election date about Feb. 15. Dr. Wataru Narashahi, new Secretary of the reorganized Cabinet, said the elections probably will be held in April.

The directive from General MacArthur's headquarters ordered the Government to take every precaution to ensure "free, fair and undisturbed" elections and to educate the people on the new election laws passed by the last session of the Old Diet in December.

"It is of the greatest importance that every step possible be taken looking toward a free, untrammelled expression of the people's will," the Allied directive said.

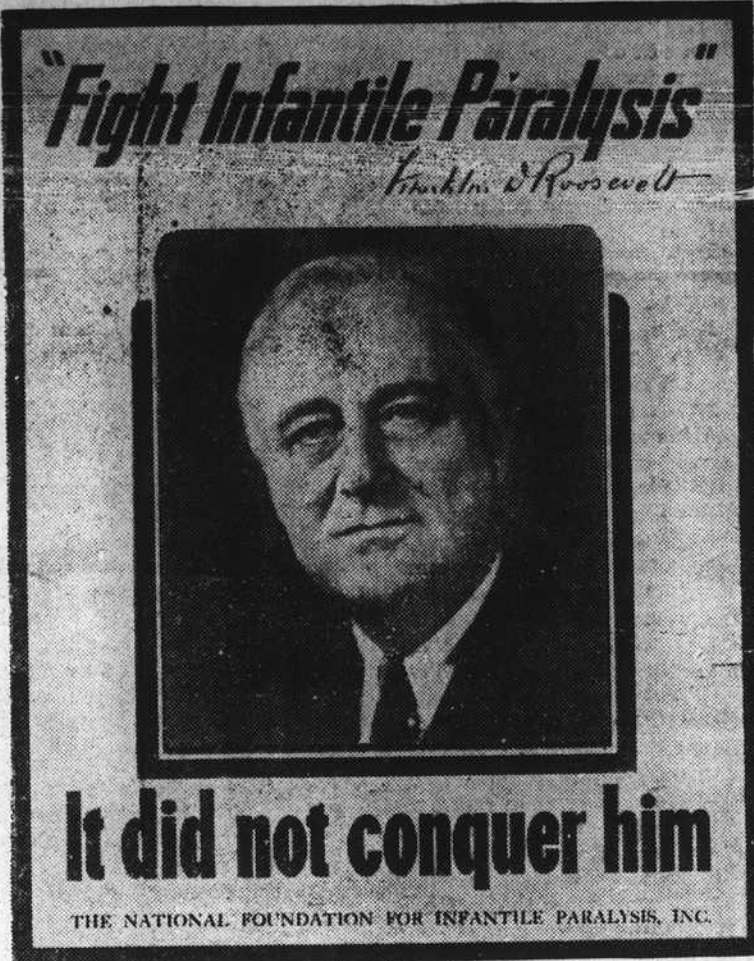
The State for years has produced 40 per cent of the nation's feldspar and 60 per cent of its kaolin, both minerals used in the production of china and enamel, he said. Recent discoveries lead geologists to believe "there is 15 to 20 million dollars worth of tungsten ready to be mined in the vicinity of Townsville, Vance county, Dr. Stuckey added.

## Mt. Zion News

By MRS. S. E. SMITH, Staff Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell have returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allen, after spend-

## March of Dimes Symbol



For millions of Americans, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who refused to accept defeat from infantile paralysis, symbolized the nation's fight against the Great Crippler organized and directed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which the late President founded. The above poster was prepared by the National Foundation for its 1946 March of Dimes, January 14-31.

## Nation-wide Telephone Strike Has Been Delayed 30 Days

Washington—The Executive Board of the National Federation of Telephone Workers issued a national strike call Sunday night must be carried out under the 30-day but directed that the walkout day strike notice provision of the Smith-Connally Labor Disputes Act. This delays the strike for at least 30 days and, barring unforeseen developments, removes the threat of immediate Federal seizure of the telephone system.

At the onset the union had indicated the strike would take effect as quickly as subsidiary unions could express their desires. Later a union spokesman said that "on advice of counsel, the executive board decided to adhere strictly to the provisions of the Smith-Connally Act and have directed their 48-member unions to file 30-day strike notices" as required by law.

At the same time he said that officers of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, an N.F.T.W. affiliate, had been asked to "defer their strike (against the Western Electric Co.) withdraw their pickets and turn the issue in dispute over to the N.F.W.T. for settlement."

If the ACEW agreed, the basis for the series of telephone strikes slowly paralyzing communications would be removed. Members of affiliated unions have refused to cross A.C.E.W. picket lines, with the result that telephone service throughout most of the country has been disrupted or threatened.

The N.F.T.W. action came as a complete surprise. In issuing the strike call, President Joseph A. Beirne of the N.F.T.W. had left the strike date open and said it would be up to the nation's 250,000 telephone workers to decide when they would quit. He also had said, however, that they probably would not strike against the Government in event of Federal seizure.

A source close to the White House viewed the strike call as a

ing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, of Hiddenite. Mrs. Caldwell will be remembered as Miss Faye Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cox, of Piney Creek, before her marriage in December.

Miss Logene Pugh returned to Bel Air, Md., where she is employed, last week.

Mrs. D. J. Grubb and little granddaughter, of Nathan's Creek, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Grubb.

George Allen and sons, of Hiddenite, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allen.

Ben Williams, of Peden, visited S. E. Smith, Friday.

The Rocky Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet January 21 at 1:00 p. m. instead of on January 28, as previously planned, at the home of Mrs. Salmon Smith. All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

## OPA REPORTS RAISED PRICES ON CLOTHING

Washington—The OPA said this week, some manufacturers are withholding men's and boy's tailored clothes from the market as the result of an erroneous report that a general price increase is contemplated.

Spiking the report, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said OPA does plan a new order dealing with prices but it will not provide a general hike on suits, overcoats and similar garments.

The new regulation, Bowles added in a statement, will be designed to remove certain inequities in the present price structure and "to provide a better check-rein on inflationary pressures."

"The effect of the new regulation," Bowles said, "will be to stabilize the August, 1945, manufacturers' level of prices. Any increase beyond that point would be inconsistent with the stabilization program."

## HIGHWAY TRAFFIC IS SHOWING INCREASE

Raleigh—North Carolina's post-war highway traffic volume has increased already to within 11 per cent of the volume recorded during 1940, the last prewar year, the State Highway and Public Works Commission said.

James M. Burch, engineer of statistics and planning, said that weather conditions hindered traffic during December, probably preventing the volume to reach the normal peak established in 1940.

The State's traffic volume is recorded by means of 20 electric drawn and that all telephone service should return to normal quickly.

President Truman stood ready to seize the telephone system. Such action had been recommended by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwelmbach and legal arrangements had been made.

The walkout was called in support of a demand for a \$2 a day pay increase and the strikes already in progress by affiliated unions in Washington, D. C., Kearny, N. J., and by the Association of Communication Equipment Workers at exchanges across the nation.

traffic recorders located in the State and operated daily. They have been in use for eight years.

In previous months, Burch said, starting with V-J Day in August, rural highway traffic had been 25, 19 '16 and 10 per cent lower.

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