

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

## WIDESPREAD FIGHTING IN CHINA IS REPORTED

Nanking—Widespread fighting in the North China provinces of Shantung, Hopeh and Jehol was reported by Chinese Government and Communist sources, which said local attacks were gradually assuming the nature of a full-fledged general conflict, despite a new truce compact in central Shantung.

Each side accused the other of aggression and feverishly argued that its rival was responsible for starting a civil war.

The opposing accounts placed the battles in these areas:

1. Along a 200-mile stretch of important railway in Jehol;
2. In a triangular area south of Peiping and west of Tientsin; and
3. On three sides of Tsinan, capital of Shantung province.

True extent of the warfare was obscured by the familiar welter of unconfirmed charges, but Peiping truce headquarters and field teams with American members were working urgently to halt or minimize the clashes.

## PRES. TRUMAN GOES TO SEE AGED MOTHER

Kansas City—President Truman took advantage of an uneasy truce in the coal-labor crisis to fly here Sunday to visit his aged mother and make a brief speech at William Jewell College.

Mrs. Martha Truman, 93-year-old mother of the president, who recently was abed for a few days with a cold, was among the group of relatives who met the President at Grandview Airport.

The landing field was closed to the public and only members of the President's immediate family, airport attendants, and Secret Service men were present when the plane landed.

## FIERCE FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN IRAN

London—Radio Tabriz said that Iranian Government forces have attacked Azerbaijan and that fighting is going on at five points along a 150-mile civil war front between Zenjan and the Kurdistan frontier.

There was no immediate confirmation from Central Government sources at Tehran. Radio Tabriz accounts for the fighting were reported by the London press and the Swiss and Belgian radios.

The reports of civil war followed a breakdown in negotiations between Azerbaijan and the Central Government over the extent of autonomy to be granted the northern province, which seceded from Iran last December.

## BOOTH TARKINGTON, WRITER DIED SUNDAY

Indianapolis—Booth Tarkington, 76, twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize for literature, died Sunday night in his Indianapolis home two months after declining health had confined him to his bed.

The author of "Seventeen," "Penrod and Sam," "Wanton Malley" and other novels and plays, had been nearly blind for several years, but he had been dictating a new novel in his last days and it was nearing completion. The book had not been named, but concerned the people of a typical American city.

A nephew, Donald Jameson, said Tarkington died at 8 p.m. (c.d.t.), and the direct cause of death had not been determined.

The funeral was at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Tarkington home here, where he spent the Winters. He had a Summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Forest fires not only destroy our trees but kill our birds and wild animals.

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## Long Range Plans For Feeding Of World Are To Be Mapped

Washington — Minus Russian help, an international conference started work Monday on long-range plans for a well-fed world.

Called by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, it will skip most problems of the current famine to concentrate on those of the four or five years beyond.

American experts plan to propose improvement of international food allocation machinery by adding Australia, Argentina and France to the combined food board. The United States, Britain and Canada are the only members now.

Representatives of nearly a score of countries and of international agencies concerned with food will attend the eight-day conference. The Soviet Embassy said Russia would send no delegates, and that it would not even have observers present so far as is known now.

The meetings objective is to bring major food producing nations into agreement on the growing and distribution of food on a permanent basis, starting from the time this year's crops begin to alleviate the hunger in many lands.

Delegates listened Monday to messages from President Truman and former President Herbert Hoover, who has just completed a world survey of famine conditions.

Committees will spend the bulk of the week in secret sessions, working on plans for a permanent solution of the world's food problems. These will be laid before

a final business meeting, on May 27, for approval, and later before the entire FAO.

## Piney Creek News

Mrs. Jennie Nichols and son, Fred Harrington, of Hollis, Oklahoma, are visiting Mrs. Mary Hash and other relatives.

Vesta Pugh, of Baltimore, Md., and Velma Pugh, of Washington, D. C., came home Saturday to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Halsey and son, Artie, of Roanoke, Va., visited friends and relatives here, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brown and daughter, Bonnie Bell, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Belle Blevins. Other guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pugh.

Wayne Delp, who has served several months overseas, returned home Saturday.

Miss Lacy Lee Weaver, of N. Wilkesboro, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Mort Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Osborne and family and Miss Virginia Delp spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Byrd Osborne.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pugh and children, Miss Irene Blevins, Miss Velma Pugh, of Washington, and Miss Vesta Pugh, of Baltimore. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brown and daughter, Bonnie Bell.

## VISITS BRANCH OFFICES



Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, steps from his plane at Dallas, Tex., during a tour to observe progress on decentralization of Veterans Administration activities. All but policy matters for the tremendous veterans aid program will be handled from 13 recently established branch offices.—Veterans Administration photograph.

Robert Joines, test farmer in the production of Turkish tobacco in Alleghany county, is building a model barn especially designed for storing Turkish leaf.

Blue mold, which appeared in just one of the 19 Turkish tobacco beds in North Carolina last year, has not been reported in 1946 plant beds.

North Carolina agricultural economists say that farm predictions now are "precarious" because many important national policies are yet "unsettled."

The AAA, which recently passed its thirteenth birthday, now is officially titled Production and Marketing Administration.

## This Week in WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. — Renewed hope that congress may at last do something to curb unscrupulous labor activities, because of the blatant disregard for the country's welfare shown by John L. Lewis and James Pettillo, seems to be based entirely on wishful thinking. Each time there is a crisis in a major strike, or when some labor leader angers the whole American people, the public looks to Washington for a legal vaccine against recurrence, but it is fairly apparent by this time that the senate will never permit passage of legislation opposed by labor leaders.

The house of representatives, by passing the Case bill, showed that it had at last decided to heed the cry of the public for a degree of control over labor. But even though some senators have made strong demands for labor reform, the pro-labor senate committee on education and labor seems to be able to pigeon-hole any and all proposals which are frowned upon by union leaders.

Those who feel that labor legislation is essential to avoid disaster in this country — and the mail received by congressmen indicates that there are plenty of people who feel that way—also are disappointed with the appar-

ent inaction of the administration regarding labor problems. They feel that the government could have done a lot more toward ending the coal strike, that President Truman should have shown more personal interest in it before an emergency was reached, and that the strike problem will become worse rather than better unless there is a major revision in present government policy.

Closely linked with future labor problems is the fate of the OPA. If price ceilings are eliminated or relaxed, and higher prices absorb the increased wages which labor unions have won, there is every reason to expect the strike to start anew. Yet if prices are not relaxed somewhat, there is apt to be a strike on the part of producers who will refuse to continue to manufacture products on which they cannot make a profit. This a vicious circle has been created which is apt to heighten the bad feeling which now exists between labor and management.

Testifying on the continuation of OPA before the senate banking and currency committee, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson was extremely pessimistic over clearing up the growing black market in meat. He said that if the OPA's latest move to re-

store slaughter quotas is unsuccessful, the only alternative would be to abandon all controls over meat prices.

It is unlikely that the OPA was fully behind him in this view, since it is the opinion of OPA officials that meat prices would all reach black market levels if price restrictions were removed entirely, but so far no one here has been able to offer an alternative solution.

North Carolina's 2,175 home demonstration clubs which observed National Home Demonstration Week May 5-12, are influencing the lives of 290,208 Tar Heel families.



## Vote For Walter E. Johnston, Jr. For Solicitor

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Subject to Democratic Primary Saturday, May 25 YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE SINCERELY APPRECIATED



VETERAN ASIATIC-PACIFIC THEATRE WORLD WAR II

1. In the last issue of this newspaper my opponent caused to be published a statement implying that I am a candidate for the C. I. O., founded by John L. Lewis. Such is a distortion of the truth and my opponent knew this at the time he caused the statement to be published. My platform has repeatedly been published in this District and is as follows:

In entering this campaign I do so upon my own initiative and responsibility and not as the candidate of any group or political faction. I will be under no obligation except to serve all the people of this District with ability. It is my solemn pledge that, if nominated and elected, I will regard the position as one of public trust and will administer the office with firmness, dignity and integrity.

2. My opponent stated that he had "no intention to disparage me." WHY MR. OPPONENT, HAVEN'T you caused to be published the same propaganda in OUR Home County where WE ARE BOTH KNOWN? FOR WHAT OTHER PURPOSE DID YOU CAUSE IT TO BE PUBLISHED?

3. I, Walter E. Johnston, Jr., do declare that I have neither solicited nor received a promise of support from the C. I. O. and have no knowledge of any of its paid political workers working for me.

Walter E. Johnston, Jr.,

CANDIDATE FOR SOLICITOR.

(Paid for by friends of Walter E. Johnston, Jr.)

## OPEN LETTER

By Zeb V. Gambill

Concerning

## Walter E. Johnston, Jr., Candidate For Solicitor

In last week's issue of this paper there appeared an advertisement calculated to deceive the people of this County with respect to the race for Solicitor of this District. As a former citizen of Ashe County and presently residing in Forsyth County and one who has known Walter E. Johnston, Jr., for a number of years, I publish this letter in the interest of fair play:

Walter E. Johnston, Jr., was born in Winston-Salem forty years ago. He graduated from Duke University Law School in 1932 and has practiced law in Forsyth County since that time. During 1940 he was appointed Solicitor of the City-County Court of Winston-Salem by Mayor Richard J. Reynolds and the Board of Aldermen and presently serves in this capacity. He was granted leave of absence from this position in 1943 to enter the Navy and he served with the Navy, in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre until his discharge last fall. He has served four years as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Forsyth County, resigning this post to enter the Navy. He is presently serving as President of the Forsyth County Junior Bar Association. He has the respect and admiration of the people of Forsyth County and the membership of the numerous religious, fraternal and civic organizations of which he is a member.

The above things Walter E. Johnston, Jr., has accomplished without the support of the C. I. O., founded by John L. Lewis. Such advertising and propaganda has not been used in Forsyth County where Walter is well known.

It is a fact that members of the National Association of Manufacturers, Retail Merchants Association, Farm Bureau of Forsyth County, Dairy Breeders Association and other organizations too numerous to mention are actively working to secure the nomination of Walter E. Johnston, Jr., for Solicitor of this District.

I know him and hope you will help elect him Solicitor.

Zeb V. Gambill, former chairman Board of Elections, Ashe County. Grand View Guernsey Farm, Pfafftown, N. C.