

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

400 CHINESE DROWNED AS STEAMERS COLLIDE

Shanghai—Possibly 400 Chinese drowned when a small Yangtze River steamer collided with a lighter and sank off Woosung.

Six hundred or more survivors, brought to Shanghai and joined by relatives of victims, angrily besieged the Chinese ship operators' office and threatened to tear it apart before hastily-summoned police quieted them.

The steamer was the Chekiang, bound up river to Nantung with about 1,000 passengers.

Off Woosung, where the Whangpoo from Shanghai joins the Yangtze Estuary, the ship collided with one of two steel lighters being towed by a tug and went down almost immediately.

Survivors charged that the Chekiang was badly overloaded and that the tug ignored signals to alter course.

WOULD MAKE PALESTINE AN INDEPENDENT NATION

New York—Former New York Congressman Joseph Clark Baldwin suggested a conference between the United States and Great Britain for the purpose of recognizing Palestine "as an independent democracy."

His recommendation was included in a report on a six week's trip to England and Palestine which Baldwin made as administrative chairman of the Political Action Committee for Palestine, Inc.

A spokesman for the committee said that "Baldwin's findings are in the nature of an official report to the President of the United States and have already been presented to Mr. Truman personally."

Baldwin suggested that Palestine, as an independent democracy, should include "politically

SAYS PREPAREDNESS IS BEST INSURANCE

Washington—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said that "our best insurance against involvement in war is military strength."

"So far neither the United Nations nor any other organization is able to guarantee the end of war or the safety of this nation," Patterson said in an NBC broadcast.

Patterson said "the last drop of water has been squeezed out" of the War Department's request for a fiscal 1948 appropriation of \$6,700,000,000.

"If we get another substantial squeeze, we will be unable to carry out our tasks," he said.

Patterson said he was convinced lasting peace could be achieved through the United Nations if we continue to work together with our Allies with the same determination that led to victory during war.

GEORGIA GETS THIRD GOVERNOR, THOMPSON

Atlanta, Ga.—Lieut. Governor M. E. Thompson announced he had taken over as acting Governor of Georgia, following resignation of Ellis Arnall, and would demand that Herman Talmadge surrender the Governor's office and executive mansion.

Talmadge, elected by the Legislature in the early hours of Wednesday morning after a tumultuous 16-hour session, took physical possession of the Capitol and mansion Thursday after ousting Arnall. The retiring Governor, who rejected Talmadge as "that pretender" and accused him of seizing the Government with

the homeless Jews in Europe," and that its boundaries should be the "existing boundaries of Palestine temporarily exclusive of Trans-Jordan."

Doughton Sees Congressmen Named On Good Committees

TO VISIT STATE



Paul H. Griffith, of Uniontown, Pa., national commander of the American Legion, who will make his first public appearance in the State at the Post Officers' and Adjutants' conference in Durham on January 26-27. He is veteran of both World Wars and has numerous decorations for bravery.

Cheek Head Of USDA Council

The USDA Council met in the Home Agent's office in Sparta, on January 6th at 2 p. m., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Ralph B. Cheek, vocational agriculture teacher of Sparta high school, chairman; T. R. Green, of the Soil Conservation Service, vice chairman; and Miss Lenna F. Gambill, home supervisor with Farmers' Home Administration, secretary and treasurer.

The Council will continue to meet at 2 p. m. on the first Monday to discuss matters and make plans pertaining to the agricultural work in the county.

Timely Hints

By RUTH CURRENT

Holiday Records: To make next Christmas easier, save and file away this year's list of gifts, and add to it any ideas you may want to remember, suggest extension specialists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. For example, keep a record of any magazine subscriptions sent this year and the date when they expire. Jot down ideas for homemade gifts that may be useful next year, and keep a record of types of wrappings or seals which you found especially useful or attractive this year. Before putting away Christmas cards, bring your address book up to date with new or changed addresses.

Instead of discarding Christmas cards, put them into a scrap book which the youngsters of the family can enjoy the year around, or save them for a shut-in day and let the children paste them in the book.

Many a new year's landscape is blemished by old Christmas trees dumped forlornly in backyards. Foresters of the U. S. D. A. suggest that a few minutes' work with a sharp hatchet can convert the old tree to a neat bundle of kindling for winter hearth fires. Or the tree can be set into the ground outdoors as a winter shelter and feeding center for birds. Birds will enjoy bits of suet, raisins and bread crumbs attached to the branches and will repay the kindness next spring by helping to destroy insect pests and weed seeds around the grounds and gardens.

Oranges and grapefruit are the buys in fresh fruit this winter. Prices of both are lower than in many years, according to U.S.D. A. marketing specialists. Both the orange and grapefruit crops for the 1946-47 season promise to be the largest on record. The orange crop is 20 percent larger than last year and 53 percent above average.

"storm troopers, thugs and ruffians," later set up temporary executive offices in a downtown office building.

Thompson, former educator and doctor of philosophy, took his oath of office at 10:50 a. m. in the almost deserted Senate chamber. Immediately afterward, Arnall announced that his conditional resignation, filed previously with the Secretary of State, had become effective.

Washington—Putting the camel through a needle's eye, the Ninth District's 83-year-old Representative Robert L. Doughton turned one of the neatest tricks of the week in engineering worthwhile committee assignments for all 12 members of North Carolina's delegation in the House of Representatives. Of the 19 standing committees in the House under the Legislative Reorganization Act, 14 have members from the Tar Heel State.

Charged with co-ordinating assignments for the entire group, Representative Doughton faced a task doubly complicated by the reorganization act's reduction of the number of committees by well over 50 per cent and the transportation of Democrats to the minority side, with fewer seats, of every committee. Although all the preliminaries were settled in executive sessions, the results clearly indicated the benefits an entire State can derive from seniority like Mr. Doughton's 36 years in the lower House.

Some Dissatisfaction The fact there definitely were dissatisfactions among the members from other states, among them Virginia, over their assignments points up Mr. Doughton's influence in behalf of the colleagues.

Every Tar Heel Congressman expressed complete satisfaction with committee assignments announced last Wednesday. Particularly happy were the three freshmen Representatives, who were under no delusions about their chances of getting exactly what they wanted.

As the House committee picture shapes up, North Carolinians hold high-ranking minority spots on 10 of their 14 committees, headed by Mr. Doughton as No. 1 Democrat on the ways and means group.

Committees Without Tar Heels

Twin Oaks News

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sheppard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Higgins and son stopped with friends here, Sunday.

Greek Rose, Statesville, spent the week end with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Murray and son, Paige, of Vox, spent Saturday afternoon with relatives, here.

Mrs. Wade Irwin spent the week end with relatives, here.

Miss Lynore Bare, who is in school at N. Wilkesboro, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bare, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Irwin and children, Mary Lee, Kemp, and Joe Thomas, spent Sunday with relatives in Galax, Va.

R. L. Woodie, North Wilkesboro, stopped with friends here a short while, Friday.

Hort Petty, Galax, Va., spent Thursday night with relatives, here.

Mrs. Fred Weaver, Peden, spent a while with friends here,

The only standing committees without a Tar Heel member are post office and civil service, foreign affairs, House administration, judiciary and public works.

Going down the alphabetical listing of the new House committees, Representative Harold Cooley becomes second-ranking Democrat on agriculture; John H. Kerr third on appropriations; Carl T. Durham seventh on armed services; John H. Folger fifth on banking and currency; C. B. Deane eighth on District of Columbia and ninth on expenditures in executive departments; Graham A. Barden second on education and labor; Alfred L. Bulwinkle third on interstate and foreign commerce; Herbert C. Bonner third on merchant marine and fisheries and fourth on un-American activities; Monroe M. Reden ninth on public lands; J. Bayard Clark fourth on rules, and Hamilton C. Jones tenth on veterans' affairs.

Friday. Clint Landreth, Hardin Bell, and Roscoe Williams, Gary, W. Va., returned to their work Sunday after spending the week end with homefolks, here.

C. Frank Atwood, Twin Oaks Farm, is confined in the Ashe Memorial hospital.

Misses Alese Choate and Kathleen Collins, Galax, Va., visited friends here, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Grafton and daughter, Dartha, of Forest Hill, Md., spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Earl Farmer.

Mrs. Felix Toliver, of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Farmer.

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AGENT

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Main Street is One up on Broadway

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Our sidewalks all along Main Street are swept clean each morning; the store fronts are kept neatly painted; the windows are shiny bright; and there's grass and flowers every place that grass and flowers can be made to grow!

Once when "Butch" Snyder let the awning of his store get torn and dirty, folks up and down the street just gently nudged him till he went out and got it repaired and cleaned. That's how it works around this town of ours.

From where I sit, it's a little like the Brewers' program of Self-Regulation. They want all taverns selling beer to be a credit to the city... neat and orderly and up to scratch. And when any tavern lags behind, they nudge it back to standard. Works too!

Joe Marsh

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