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THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

President Roosevelt told his press conference he still hopes the U. S. can stay out of the world conflict. His statement was made in answer to a reporter's question if changing international situations had caused the President to alter his belief, stated in 1939, that the U. S. could and would stay out of the war.

Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference reports that navy vessels were engaged in convoy duty were "absolutely untrue," and said reports that the navy had lost lives, material and equipment or had been involved in any encounter with belligerent craft, were "most decidedly" not true.

OPM Director Knudson issued a statement urging greater defense efforts and said "nothing could be further from the truth" than that Russia's entry into the war had averted danger to this country. Mr. Knudson said "we are in somewhat better shape than we were last summer but we need the spark of enthusiasm—yes, of patriotism—to carry the program forward faster."

Aid To Russia, France, China

Acting Secretary of State Welles announced Russian requests to buy strategic materials has been received and brought to the attention of the proper government officials. Mr. Welles also said the U. S. has under consideration a plan to relax export restrictions on Russian commerce to permit the flow of war materials to that country. He also announced U. S. and North American French officials have arranged a plan calling for continuous movement of two ships carrying tea, sugar and other food to Africa, and two carrying strategic materials to the U. S.

President Roosevelt suspended duties on British Burma vessels reaching the U. S., to aid the flow of supplies to China over the Burma Road. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau extended China's \$50,000,000 credit here for another year. Assistant Commerce Secretary Hinckley asked commercial airlines for 12 transport planes to meet "emergency defense requirements of the democracies."

Army

In his bi-annual report to the Secretary of War, Army Chief of Staff Marshall urged that Congress pass legislation permitting use of armed forces outside the Western Hemisphere and permitting holding selectees, National Guardsmen and reserve officers in the service for more than one year. Gen. Marshall said that conditions have changed to such an extent that a "grave national emergency" exists of a more se-

Death Claims

Andrew W. Jessup

Pilot Mountain.—Andrew William Jessup, 75, widely known Westfield man, died at his home Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock after a serious illness of two weeks.

Mr. Jessup was a life long member of the Westfield Friends Church and was also a member of the Junior Order.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Velna Cook Jessup; one son, J. R. Jessup of Westfield; four daughters, Misses Erma and Margaret Jessup of Westfield; Mrs. Avalon E. Hall and Miss Edith Jessup of Yadkinville and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Westfield Friends Church. Rev. L. W. McFarland conducted the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

vere character than the public realizes.

The War Department announced it will promote its officers on the basis of merit instead of seniority and permit re-enlistment for regular army men only if they are qualified for promotion in order to weed out those not able to take advantage of further training.

Air

The War Department awarded contracts totalling more than \$178,000,000 for planes, engines and parts. The OPM announced its aircraft specialist, Merrill Miles, will go to England to confer on production methods.

Gen. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces, issued equipment for pilots of heavy bombers to that begin with 700 hours and may be expanded and the show to be built at a rate of 500 a month. The air force also announced co-operation with other training for its personnel.

Selective Service

More than 100,000 men who reached 21 since Selective Service registration last October, registered for service this week throughout the nation. President Roosevelt ordered 900,000 men inducted into the army as selectees now in service finish their year of training.

Pending final action by Congress on legislation deferring men who were 28 on July 1 or before. Selective Service Director Hershoy ordered temporary deferment of this age group. He also advised local boards to defer registrants with one or more dependents to whose support they make "any substantial contribution." The only exception to this, he said, would be men who married in the hope of evading service.

Army Recreation

The War Department announced a program of stage shows at army camps throughout the country and said civilian contributions to soldiers' welfare will be coordinated by the Citizens Committee for the army and navy, Inc. Outstanding theatre men

Henry Thomas Corns Dies At Lawsonville

Henry Thomas Corns, aged 71, of Lawsonville, Route 1, died Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at a Stuart, Va., hospital after a long illness. His condition had been critical three weeks.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Martha Smith; two daughters, Mrs. John Wall of Lawsonville, Route 1, and Mrs. Early James of Madison, Route 1; five sons, Harvy and Marvin Corns of High Point; Ralph Corns of Lawsonville, Route 1; Jessie Corns of Tyrone, Pa.; and J. E. Corns of Jamestown; two brothers, A. J. Corns of Winston-Salem, and J. W. Corns of Madison; and one sister, Mrs. Nannie Roark of Stuart, Va., Route 5.

The funeral was held at Oak Ridge Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Joyce conducted the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

have made arrangements for five road shows to visit camps, using equipment built on trucks, the Department said.

Congress passed legislation designed to prevent prostitution with a "reasonable" distance of military and naval reservations.

Defense Area Public Works

Congress voted \$150,000,000 for construction of schools, water works, sewers, hospitals and other necessary public works in localities over-crowded by defense workers. War Administration recently established 11 regional offices to handle the program and select projects suggested by the community and for which the communities will help pay.

Defense Housing

OPM suspended defense housing projects will be given priority to assure availability of necessary building materials. Defense Housing Coordinator Patzer issued a pamphlet explaining how defense housing needs are met.

Materials

OPM recommended building eight new aluminum plants, at Arkansas, the Boneville-Grand Coulee area, Upper New York State, Alabama, California and North Carolina to produce 600,000,000 additional pounds annually.

Price Administrator Henderson announced a series of conferences, beginning the week of July 7 with representatives of makers of automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines, oil burners and steel furniture to get information on their needs for materials. He said allocations of essential raw materials to take care of public services essential to civilian welfare—such as transportation companies, telephone companies, farm equipment manufacturers, fire and police services, hospitals and schools—will be made as soon as amount of scarce materials needed are ascertained.

Labor Supply

The U. S. Employment Service (Continued on page two)

Twelve Men Deferred By Local Draft Board

The following men have been mailed an order to report for induction on July 18. The Stokes county local board is eight men short on this call due to the fact that the induction of registrants who are 28 years of age and over on July 1, 1941, has been ordered temporarily postponed pending final decision of Congress on the proposed legislation to defer such registrants:

- Clyde Lester Goin, Francisco.
- Posy Edward Nelson, Lawsonville.
- Jennings Theodore Montgomery, Walnut Cove.
- Clyde Talmage Dillon, Sandy Ridge.
- Robert Albert George, Francisco.
- Curtis Ray Robertson, Sandy Ridge.
- Louis Jackson Hennis, Sandy Ridge.
- John Pescud Hanes, Pine Hall.
- Paul Jones Hawkins, Sandy Ridge.
- James Leonard Mabe, Danbury.
- Cazzie Bullin, Danbury.
- Edward Wallace Flynt, King.

C. W. Simmons Passes At Westfield

Pilot Mountain.—Columbus Wesley Simmons, 59, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Westfield community, died Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at his home. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Simmons was born October 14, 1881, and was a native of North Carolina.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a member of the Westfield community for many years. He was a successful farmer and was well known in the community.

Mr. Simmons was survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Simmons, and four children: Mrs. John Ayres and Mrs. Mack Jessup of Stuart, Va.; Mrs. T. J. Crumpler of Germantown, and Mrs. Nora Jessup of Westfield.

The funeral was held at Westfield Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. W. Hovis and Rev. S. L. Naff conducted the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

Miss Lois Wall has gone to Montreat where she will spend the remainder of July and August. She will return home the first of September for a few weeks before school begins at the college about September 10.

KING NEWS

King—It's hard to beat for a yearling—July 10. — The Fourth passed off quietly here. No accidents.

Norman Gentry of Washington, D. C., is spending his vacation with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Frazier of Snowport, La., and Mrs. J. H. Frazier of Houston, Texas, are spending some time with relatives and friends here.

A very interesting and exciting game of baseball was played in the King ball park the Fourth. Dry Springs and Perch were the contestants. Final score was 7 and 6 in favor of Dry Springs.

T. D. Tuttle of the United States Army, stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., spent the week-end with relatives here and at Rural Hall. Mr. Tuttle is in the medical corps.

The stork is still in business but his work is light. Only two calls last week. They were to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Long, on Depot St., a son and to Mr. and Mrs. Norman White, corner Spruce and West Ave., a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Slate and C. D. Slate, Sr. spent the weekend in Roanoke, Va., visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Slate, Jr., John Hall and son, McMiller of Pilot Mountain, formerly of King, who spent the summer here last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lane, Mrs. Ann Childs, and Ray M. Lane spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lane, near Westfield.

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Revivalist



Rev. McKendree Long To Hold Revival At Methodist Church

(Reported)

Revival services begin at the Danbury Methodist Church Wednesday evening, July 10th, at 7:45 o'clock, and will continue for ten days.

Rev. McKendree R. Long, D. D., of Statesville, will be the pulpit help. Rev. Long is known in the community having conducted a revival here in the Presbyterian church about 12 years ago, and is remembered for his eloquent and fervent preaching. He is the son of the late Judge Long of Statesville. A professional trial lawyer, he was married under the laws of the state of North Carolina in London, England, and has two sons in law.

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Francisco News

Francisco.—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Martin entertained at a lawn party at their home Saturday night in honor of his twin brother, Lesley Martin of Fort

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