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THIS WEEK IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Mar. 15 (Autocaster) — The President and his counsellors are still looking across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The Senators and Representatives in Congress are sharply divided as to whether external or internal affairs call for the chief attention of the United States.

There is almost a hundred percent agreement that the nation should put its military, naval and air defenses into first-rate condition, proof of which is found in the almost unanimous vote to appropriate 500 million dollars for the War Department, the largest peace-time fund ever granted for that purpose. The President has asked for another 135 millions for supplementary Army purposes, and probably will get it.

Where Congress and the Executive disagree is on the question of the nation's foreign policy. There is a feeling that Mr. Roosevelt is "stirring up the animals" by his frequent utterances aimed at the dictatorships of Europe.

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The demand on Capitol Hill for a full revelation of the international situation as it affects the interests of the United States is increasing. It is not minimized by such statements as that made on the floor by Senator Lundeen of Minnesota that Mr. Roosevelt, in his confidential talk with members of the Committee on Military Affairs, disclosed "stunning secrets" which, if made public, would shock the nation.

The feeling that the public should be taken into complete confidence on anything which so vitally affects everybody is strong, and the possibility grows that a stenographic report of the President's talk with the Senators may be made public.

Meanwhile the movement for a Constitutional amendment prohibiting Congress from declaring war without a popular referendum, except in case of actual invasion, has been revived.

Recent disclosure of the activities of Japanese spies on the Pacific Coast are stirring up international distrust. The disclosure by a high Army officer that German aviators were using in the attack on Barcelona a new kind of air-bomb charged with liquid oxygen, capable of killing everybody within a quarter of a mile from where it strikes, has furnished fresh impetus to the program of a bigger and stronger air force.

The removal of the general headquarters of the Army Air Corp from Langley Field, Virginia, to Scott Field in Illinois, as soon as the new buildings can be finished, is part of the general program of shifting the more vulnerable points of national defense away from the seaboard and into the interior, where they will be safer from air raids from overseas.

Building Huge Reserves — Part of that program is the building up of huge reserves of war materials in the Mississippi Valley, and enrolling some ten thousand industrial establishments, mostly in the same region, to be prepared to turn out implements of war on short notice. Also, as part of the general defense program, interest in the Florida Ship Canal has been revived, on the principle that it will provide a safe, sheltered water route from the Mississippi Valley to the Atlantic Coast in time of war.

The War Department has reported to Congress that the Florida Canal would be of vital importance to commerce in peacetime as well as in war, and the United States Geological Survey has revised its findings as to the effect of the canal on the water supply of South Florida now stating that it would affect only shallow surface wells within a few miles of the route of the canal.

FIRE COMPANY HAD 2 CALLS, MONDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carden, a four room structure, in East Sylva, was entirely destroyed by fire Monday morning. The house and contents, with the exception of sixteen cans of food, a total loss, no insurance having been carried.

The Sylva Fire Department promptly answered the call, but as no water was available, the flames had gained too much headway to be extinguished. The fire was said to have caught from an inside flue.

The same afternoon, a call to Dillsboro was answered by the fire company, but in this case, too, the fire had progressed so far to be put out, and the wood house of James Mason was destroyed.

This was the second fire within a week in the community, considerable damage having been done to the dwelling house occupied by Lon Cunningham, in East Sylva, on Monday afternoon of last week.

Sunday Schools Of Tuckaseegee Association Hold Convention

A large number of delegates attended the convention of the Sunday schools of the Tuckaseegee Baptist Association, last Sunday, at East Fork church. Beginning with a devotional service, conducted by D. G. Bryson, at 2 o'clock, the delegates heard an address by Rev. T. F. Deiton on the subject, "What a County-Wide Revival Will Mean to Our Sunday Schools", special music by the East Fork Quartet, and a demonstration of an intermediate department program.

Sunday Schools of East Fork, Green's Creek, Hamburg, Jarrett Memorial, at Dillsboro, Lovedale, Deane Hill, Savannah, Scott's Creek, Sylva, Tuckaseegee, White Rock, Webster, Zion Hill, North Fork and Cullowhee had representatives at the meeting.

An increasing interest in the Sunday Schools of the association is noted, according to leaders in the work.

The next meeting will be held at Scott's Creek church on Sunday afternoon, April 23, beginning at 2:00 o'clock.

John R. Jones Returns From Hospital

Mr. John R. Jones, who has been ill in Biltmore Hospital, Asheville, for several weeks, has improved sufficiently to return to his home on the Cullowhee road, last Saturday.

Altogether, the atmosphere of Washington is more warlike than it has been at any time since 1918, with all sorts of wild speculation heard everywhere about our foreign relations.

The United States Ambassador to Spain, Claude Bowers, who has been staying in France close to the border, has been sent for to make a report to the State Department and the President, presumably bearing on the question whether this country should give official recognition to the new Franco government of Spain, as England and France seem about to do.

Independence Questionable — The question which worries Washington is whether the new Spanish government will really be independent, or merely a puppet with Hitler and Mussolini pulling the strings, and providing in Spain a jumping place nearer to the United States than any other part of Europe, where great air bases might be established.

In internal affairs, by all odds the most important event of the year so far is the decision of the Supreme Court that the sit-down strike is illegal and that employers are free to discharge workers who take part in such seizure of company property or other illegal uses of force. That decision is believed to point toward an early revision of the Labor Relations Act, in which the rights of employers and the limitations of the authority of the Labor Relations Board will be more clearly defined.

The chance of such legislation is increased by the efforts being made by both Administration and Congressional leaders to repeal or modify existing laws which have tended to hamper business expansion.

TRAINING SCHOOL CLUB TO GIVE PLAY

The Pendragon Literary Club of the Cullowhee Training School will give a three act play, "Forever True", March 24, in the Training School auditorium. There will be two performances, at 1:30 in the afternoon, and at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The college band, directed by Mr. George Tracy, will play. Taking part in the play are Warren Hooper, Opal Youngblood, Gordon Bryson, Davis Zachary, Virginia Mikels, Robinette Tritt, and Columbine Tritt Middleton.

Watch Those "In-Between" Days

Believe it or not, more automobile accidents occur in good weather than in bad.

The reason, says the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention department of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives, is that drivers are keenly alert when rain, snow or sleet make roads hazardous; but they "let down" when it clears.

To be more vigilant when there is ice on the road, or rain, snow or sleet puts the windshield, is the right attitude for accident-free driving. Hazards are intensified by abnormal climatic conditions, and call for extreme care. But it is equally dangerous to "let go" too much when weather hazards are absent.

To "let down" is good, but the business side of a steering wheel is never the best place to practice it, say the National Conservation Bureau's safety experts. Drive relaxed, and without strain, but alert and with your ear always under absolute control.

Hendersonville Preacher Holding Meeting At Church Of God.

Rev. L. J. Stone, of Hendersonville, is assisting the pastor, Enoch Jamison in a series of meetings in the Church of God, in Rhodestown. The meeting began and will continue for two weeks. Mr. Jamison invites the public to attend the meetings.

Bryson City Attorney To Speak At Savannah Church

Attorney McKinley Edwards, of Bryson City, will make a talk in the interest of Sunday Schools, at Old Savannah Church, Sunday, March 19th at 2 P. M.

WEBSTER SENIORS TO PRESENT PLAY

The senior class of Webster high school will present the play, "Trouble In Paradise", on Friday evening, March 24, at 8:00 o'clock, in the school auditorium. The cast of characters is as follows: "Spec" John Martin, Leo Cowan; "Wild" Bill Hanlon, Wayne Buchanan; Phil Bradley, Winston Cabe; "Tubby" Davis, J. D. Morgan; Prof. "Fish" Salmon, Lyle Jones; Porter Hooks, Richard Morgan; "Freshman" Joe Hamilton, James Potts; Jean Harmon, Doris Jones; Daisy Morris, Sue Cabe; Alice Hamilton, Edna Owens; Doris Green, Gladys Ashe; Sophie Carr, Lavenia Rogers; Aunt Mildred Moore, Nan Buchanan; Miss Wadbee, Ruth Buchanan; Andrew "Snowball" Jackson, Roy Buchanan; Lyle Barron, Marie Barron.

North Carolina Cows Going To The Fair

North Carolina probably will be represented at The New York World's Fair, according to word just received from the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

"Mona of Garden Creek", owned by Mr. Arthur Osborne of Canton, has been selected by the Guernsey Representatives as eligible to be one of the thirty Guernseys chosen from among the best of the breed to form the Guernsey contingent in the herd of 150 Purebreds that will be on display from April until October in the Dairy World of Tomorrow, a Dairy Industry Exhibit sponsored by The Borden Company.

Mr. Osborne's herd at present contains about 150 animals and continuous regular official testing has been done since 1921—and many State records have been made. "Mona of Garden Creek" is the daughter of "King's Judge of Garden Creek" and "Mildred of Garden Creek" and has a very fine producing record.

The Dairy World of Tomorrow is to be one of the striking exhibits at the 1939 Fair. Here 150 dairy cows, each a queen on the basis of her type and performance, will be on exhibit. These cows will be selected by the Breed Associations representing the following breeds—Jersey, Guernsey, Holstein-Friesian, Brown-Swiss and Ayrshire. These cows will be milked three times daily on a Rotolactor—giving the public a chance to observe the most modern methods in handling milk. In addition to the cows mentioned, representative calves and a bull of each breed will be on display.

May Run for President



NEW YORK, N. Y. — District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, 37, whose successful prosecution of James J. Hines on charges of conspiracy in the policy racket has brought him into the limelight as a possible Republican candidate for president in the United States.

Mythical Farm Hasn't A Horse

Raleigh, March 16.—North Carolina's "mythical farm" has a livestock population of one mule, one milk cow, four hogs and 33 chickens.

These are the findings of S. M. Hines, farm census supervisor of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, who bases his information on the state-federal livestock report.

To be exact, the composite farm in the state wouldn't have but two-tenths of a horse and two-tenths of a sheep.

The January livestock report indicate a general increase of all farm animals, except sheep. Compared with 1937, the cattle and swine population was up 4 per cent; cows and heifers kept for milk, up three per cent; horses and mules, up less than one per cent; chickens, up five per cent.

Incidentally, the composite farm in the state is composed of approximately 82 acres.

The present livestock population at present follows:

Horses, 70,000; mules, 310,000; cows and heifers, (2 years and over for milk) 381,000; swine, 1,155,000; sheep, 60,000; chickens, 9,828,000; steers, (one year old and over) 24,000; bulls, (one year old and over) 16,000.

There are approximately 301,000 farms in North Carolina, according to the latest census.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

ROADS — automobiles
There couldn't be any roads before men invented the wheel and made roads necessary. Nobody knows how long ago that was, but it was before the Indians came from Asia to America, for they knew nothing about wheels until the white men came, 400-odd years ago, and brought horses and wheels.

It was a long time after that before we had anything that could be called a good road anywhere in America. Probably we would have had good roads earlier if the railroads had not been invented. Thomas Jefferson's project for a great system of national highways had hardly got well started before people began to build railroads and road-building practically stopped for almost a century.

Nothing that we would call a good road today existed on this continent until the invention of the automobile compelled folks to improve their roads. We've got a lot of good roads today, but not nearly enough, and few of them as good as the best roads of Europe.

ENGINEERS — Ford
I have a deep personal interest in roads for two reasons. My first American ancestor, John Stockbridge of the Plymouth Colony, was the first wheelwright in New England. He came over from England a 1629 in response to a call from the colonists for an artisan who could not only build wheels for vehicles but knew how to build a water wheel.

He built the first grist mill and the first sawmill in the colony. He was also chosen as "pathmaster" of Plymouth, in charge of highways. I sometimes think I inherited some of his interest in wheels and roads to run them on.

As a very young man I was an ardent cyclist, and took part in the movement to build cycle paths along every highway. I abandoned the bicycle for a horse and buggy. When the motor-car came I owned one of the first American cars, and found out from personal experience just how bad a road could be.

I took a hand, in 1912, in organizing the movement for Federal Aid for Highways, which has resulted in the great national road system of today. We couldn't get Congress interested until after Henry Ford had sold enough of his cars to farmers so that they no longer regarded automobiles as rich men's playthings, and wanted good roads for themselves.

ROMANCE — Romans
To me there is more romance in an old road than in an old house. So many people have travelled over it that the old highway seems to echo with the clatter of hooves and the chatter of human beings who once rode over it but are long since departed.

The best, if not the only good roads of ancient times were built by the Romans. I drove a few years ago at 80 miles an hour over a part of the Appian Way, leading south from Rome into Campania, with only a thin skin of modern concrete laid over the ancient stone pavement laid down nearly 200 years before Christ.

There is romance, too, in the ancient Roman roads of England and France. From 55 B.C. on, the Romans were building paved roads to tie their far-flung empire together. Watling Street, the most famous of the ancient British Roman roads, is still a main highway, and many miles of its first foundations are still as solid as when Caesar's legions built them.

AUTOMOBILES — engineering
Probably more highly-trained engineering talent is engaged in planning and building motor roads today than in any other single field. The combination of speed and safety is not impossible. European countries where modern highways have been built have practically no legal speed limit. But they have separate traffic lanes and no cross traffic.

In the thickly-settled parts of American an approach to the ideal road conditions is being made. There still remains much to be

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"Can Spring Be Far Behind?"

The illustrations depict various scenes of spring activities and progress. At the top, a person is shown working in a field with a plow. Below that, a person is riding a bicycle. To the right, a person is riding a horse. In the center, a person is operating a tractor. To the left, a person is on a boat. Below the tractor, a person is on a train. To the right of the train, a person is on a car. At the bottom, a person is on a motorcycle. The illustrations are arranged in a grid-like fashion, showing different modes of transport and agricultural work.