

President Addresses Nation As 14 Ships Are Launched

Says U. S. Will Guard
'Liberty Fleet' On
High Seas

The greatest mass launching of ships since the last World War took place last Saturday, Liberty Fleet Day, when 14 units of the new wartime emergency fleet were launched from different docks throughout the country.

The President's address, which was transcribed in advance, was heard at all of the launchings throughout the day, beginning at 6 p. m. in Pennsylvania, and last heard at 8 p. m. in California.

Congress regarded his speech as a prelude to his request for modification or repeal of the neutrality act so that deliveries can be speeded of lend-lease materials.

The following are excerpts from his brief address:

"This is a memorable day in the history of American ship-building—a memorable day in the emergency defense of the nation. Today, from dawn to dark, fourteen ships are being launched—on the Atlantic, on the Pacific and on the Gulf and among them is the first liberty ship, the Patrick Henry. . . .

"Our shipbuilding program—not only that of the maritime commission, but of the navy—is one of our answers to the aggressors who would strike at our liberty. . . .

"I emphasize to all of you the simple, historic fact that throughout the period of our American life, going way back into colonial days, commerce on the high seas and freedom of the seas has been a major reason for our prosperity and the building up of our country. . . .

"The shipworkers of America are doing a great job. They have made a commendable record for efficiency and speed. With every new ship, they are striking a telling blow at the menace to our nation and the liberty of the free peoples of the world. They struck fourteen such blows today. They have caught the true spirit with which all this nation must be imbued if Hitler and other aggressors of his like are to be prevented from crushing us. . . .

"We Americans as a whole cannot listen to those few Americans who preach the gospel of fear—who say in effect that they are still in favor of freedom of the seas but who would have the United States tie up our vessels in our ports. That attitude is neither truthful nor honest. . . .

"We propose that these ships sail the seas as they are intended to. We propose, to the best of our ability, to protect them from torpedo, from shell or from bomb. . . .

"The Patrick Henry, as one of the liberty ships launched today renews that great patriotic stirring demand. . . .

"Give me liberty or give me death. . . .

"There shall be no death for America, for democracy, for freedom! There must be liberty, worldwide and eternal. That is our prayer—our pledge to all mankind."

PLAIN

Because it takes two pounds more of crude rubber to make a white sidewall tire than it does to make a regular black one, U. S. manufacturers will suspend production of sidewalls for the present.

Aurora Borealis

Seen Thursday Night Had
Worldwide Effect

A soft, red light suffusing the northern skies and resembling the glow from a distant forest fire was witnessed here before midnight September 18.

An Associated Press article in the morning papers from New York reported that a spectacular display of the aurora borealis swept the heavens in that area at the same time. Asheville also reported that the northern lights were visible there.

The effect of this strange magnetic storm from the far north which occurs from time to time, was to play havoc with wireless and cable connections practically around the globe and disrupt radio and telegraph service throughout the United States.

Worldwide Disturbance

New York reported that a broadcast of the Dodger-Pirates baseball game in Pittsburgh was blacked out for 15 minutes as land lines bringing the report were hit. For the first time the disturbance affected the trans-Pacific facilities of the Bell Telephone system.

Major communications systems reported the magnetic storm—for such is the term scientists use to describe the apparent cause of the aurora borealis (northern lights)—struck wireless communication to and from Europe, the Far East and Latin America.

In the northern part of the United States the light is reported to have followed a spectacular pattern of shooting light of green and pink resembling a flower, which was described by the Hayden planetarium in New York as being "very bright."

Lions Hear Report On Convention

"Buddy" Hall, Sylva delegate to the International Lions convention held in New Orleans in July, gave a report of the proceedings of the convention to the Franklin Lions Club at their regular meeting held September 22 at Panorama Courts. . . .

With the addition of 9088 members, and 453 new clubs, making a total of 4082 total clubs and 147,407 members Lions International is the world's largest civic organization, he said. . . .

One of the highlights of the convention was an address by James R. Young, Associated Press foreign correspondent who has spent 17 years in Japan, who stated that Japan had a strong army and navy which had been built with U. S. supplies. Mr. Young added that the recent embargoes against Japan was a wise move. . . .

The board of directors of the Lions club will meet at the home of T. W. Angel on Tuesday evening, September 30.

PASTURE

George Mattocks reports amazingly good results obtained from the use of lime and phosphate on his farm pasture at Silverdale, Jones county.

Teacher—Now, boys, if Napoleon were still alive today, what do you think he would be doing?
Smart Alex — Drawing old-age pension, sir.

Three New Rear Admirals for U. S. Navy



President Roosevelt has approved the recommendations of the line selection board, which selected 12 officers of the grade of captain for promotion to the grade of rear admiral. Among the navy officers to step into the charmed circle are, left to right, J. R. Beardall, J. F. Shafroth and O. M. Hustvedt. The promotion was made necessary by the expansion of the U. S. navy to meet threat of war.

Director Van B. Metts Clarifies Position Of One Year Service Men

The War Department has authorized the discharge of certain men in the armed forces and the relief of others from active federal service, General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, pointed out today. "These men are now returning to their homes," Director Metts said, "and in their interest I wish to clarify their position under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940."

Men inducted through Selective Service, who have served their 12 months and are released from active service, are transferred by the Army to the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Yet, the Director pointed out, a man discharged for some specific reason prior to completion of his 12 months' service, being separated from any military organization, is subject to reclassification under the Selective Training and Service Act.

Men who enlisted in the Army of the United States subsequent to September 15, 1940, for one year's service with the National Guard are definitely discharged from the military service at the expiration of their terms of enlistment. These men are subject to registration and classification under the Selective Training and Service Act. But under War Department regulations they are privileged to enlist promptly in the Enlisted Reserve Corps or in the National Guard; and should they enlist in one of these services, they are not subject to call under the Selective Training and Service Act.

For the information of men interested in entering the Enlisted Reserve Corps, General Metts stated that the Commanding General of the Fourth Corps Area has designated all recruiting officers at posts, camps and stations, all officers on duty with ROTC units, and all officers on duty in Military Area and Military District Headquarters of the Organized Reserves, to accept and enlist qualified applicants for the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

"OVER-LIGHT"

T. T. Butts and J. K. Gray of Hookerton, Greene county, plan considerable 1942 increases in egg production and are building new modern poultry houses.

Time Limit

He—Darling, do you think you could manage to live on \$20 a week?
She—Yes, a week—but not much longer.

MICKIE SAYS—

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\$23,000 In Prizes

To Be Given At State
Fair October 14-18

Premiums for North Carolina Carolina farmers and other exhibitors at the State Fair, to be held at Raleigh from October 14 through 18, will total \$23,000 or approximately \$3,000 above the record prize money offered last year, Manager J. S. Dorton announced today.

Since the State Department of Agriculture took over actual operation of the exposition five years ago, premiums have been steadily increased and prizes have been limited to North Carolinians.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, ex officio director of the fair, said he was confident that "the exhibits featuring agriculture, industry and education will reach a new peak of quality."

"We are primarily interested in maintaining the State Fair as a State institution with primary emphasis on educational features," Commissioner Scott emphasized. "The enthusiastic support of farmers and others during the past four expositions leads us to believe the fair is serving as a worthwhile department of State government."

Supporters of the fair and co-operating agencies directing the educational features will include personnel of the State College Extension Service, U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture, State Department of Public Instruction, Vocational agriculture departments, State School Commission, N. C. Experiment Stations, N. C. Employment Service, Safety Commission, Soil Conservation Service, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, N. C. Crop Improvement Association, State Department of Labor, Highway and Public Works Commission, Boy Scouts, Department of Conservation and Development.

Ellijay

By HAZEL AMMONS

(Last Week News)

John Price came home from Fort Bragg last week to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Sara Price.

Uncle Abraham Young is very feeble with rheumatism and other ailments.

Miss Kathleen Henry who has been employed at Highlands for quite a while has returned home to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Higdon and son, Steve, visited Mrs. Higdon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Coggins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keener and family and Mr. Keener's mother, Mrs. Bill Keener, of Gniess visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Stella Coggins who was employed at Canton for three weeks has returned home.

Misses Myrtle and Mary Franks of Erastus visited their sister, Mrs. Eldon Coggins, Sunday, September 21.

Mrs. T. B. Higdon is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Haskett while Mr. Higdon is in Angel hospital recovering from an operation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Adams announce the birth of a son, Thomas Lee, September 19.

Ben Rogers and Don Houston of Buck Creek visited Mr. Rogers' son, Kermit Rogers, and Mrs. Rogers Sunday.

In cooperation with the health authorities who have asked that all public gatherings be canceled in an effort to check the spread of infantile paralysis the Ellijay Sunday school and prayer meetings will be closed until later on in the season.

Surplus Food Supplies Benefit Macon's Needy And Undernourished

Macon county has received 35,425 pounds of surplus food supplies during the month of August, worth a fair market value of \$2,090.62, according to Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county superintendent of public welfare.

General recipients served with commodities numbered 2,710 persons in 554 cases, while 3,955 persons comprising 749 relief cases were certified during the month of eligibility to receive the commodities, Mrs. Franks said.

Miss Ethel Hurst, in charge of WPA lunch rooms reports that in the 25 schools of the county 11 schools are receiving uncooked food which furnishes lunches for 591 undernourished children; and that 14 school lunch rooms are furnishing 879 undernourished pupils with complete lunches, making a total of 1,471 children who are below par physically receiving the free midday meal.

A. E. Langston, state director of surplus commodities distribution for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said this week that total state distributions during August amounted to 2,660,164 pounds valued at \$141,995 and reached 160,347 needy individuals.

HELPS

Recent rains in the peanut area of Eastern North Carolina have greatly improved the quality and yield of the 1941 peanut crop, now being harvested.

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