

# Washington News Letter

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Though General Dwight D. Eisenhower hasn't said so publicly, many of his backers in Washington and elsewhere now say flatly that he has decided to come home. They act as if there is no doubt about it, and even name the date, late May or early June. Ike they say, is to return to the United States and take part in his own campaign.

This—if true—is a major political development, since Ike said in January he would "under no circumstances" ask for relief to seek political office. Yet he now is reported to be ready to jump into the fight! What changed his mind? The New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries are generally credited with having turned the trick.

Ike, it seems, has underrated his popularity all along. In 1948 he not only underrated his popularity, but demonstrated a surprising political naivete, when he spiked a Democratic boom that had reached the stage where success was assured. At that time he had over 500 delegates in the bag, and had he kept quiet two days longer, would have had the Democratic nomination.

Even as late as this year Ike didn't believe his popularity was great enough to overcome the opposition, as it showed signs of doing in New Hampshire and Minnesota. When the people of Minnesota demonstrated clearly that they were solid enough behind him to go to the trouble of writing his name in on the ticket, he became convinced. This, added to the constant urging of his workers that he return to the U. S., finally convinced the General.

Now Ike is reported out to get the nomination. Of course, before he can do any campaigning and criticizing he will have to resign his commission in the Army. This, his friends say, is already decided upon. They say he will be back late in May, or at

the latest, in June. He will then have at least a month to "storm" the country.

But by that time all the presidential primaries will have been held. Ike will take his case to non-primary states and to states where delegates are unpledged, which of course, constitute the large majority of the 48 states. The last two presidential primaries are held June 3rd—in South Dakota and California. Ike may be in the country by that time, according to the present timetable, but he will have little time to visit either if he doesn't arrive until late May, which is his earliest expected arrival.

Also by that time, Ike will have a clearer idea of his strength. For in April and May all the primaries, except two, will be held.

General Alfred Gruenther is expected to be the number one candidate for General Eisenhower's European NATO command post when the latter steps down. This is true despite Gruenther's recent statement that a European should be the next commander. Gruenther named Lord Montgomery and General Alphonse Juin as two suitable replacements.

American State Department and Defense Department officials however, fear that if a European is named to the top command post Congress might cool on the whole military aid program. Thus they want an American, and Gruenther being Eisenhower's choice, they naturally support him. Speaking of the top job last year, Gruenther told a friend that he should not have it since the job needed an "extrovert" type like Ike. He was the "introvert" type, he said.

Despite this self-imposed handicap, Gruenther is high in official Washington estimates, and now that General Matthew Ridgeway is bogged down in

Korea for an indefinite period seems a reasonable prospect for the job.

Government economists, who admit a recession period in civilian industry has hurt 1952 elements since 1951, say that by the middle of the year civilian industries will be experiencing a business upturn again. The civilian downturn began prior to middle 1951, but defense spending took up what would have been enough slack to cause a recession. Now, with civilian purchases expected to increase and defense orders also increasing, the economists look for happy times from mid-1952 through 1953, at least.

## April Crucial Month For Kefauver, Taft And Eisenhower

The scramble is on among the presidential campaigners, for April is the month in which the fate of most of the candidates will be decided. April is the month in which the majority of the nation's key primaries will be held—New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, among others. What happens in these primaries might cook several eggs.

Senator Robert Taft's camp is well aware that General Eisenhower's initial primary victories steamed up his followers and they are dedicating themselves to the task of deflating that optimism. For them April is a key month, one in which they are up against the odds. Ike is ahead in New York, New Jersey and possibly two other states out of the big five. Maybe Ike has the lead in only three. Whatever the case Taft is fighting an uphill battle.

But Taft's strength never was supposed to lie in New York, or New Jersey. Much of it lies in states where no primary is held. This support is less publicized but equally important. The main reason Taft men want to hold Ike back in some of the April primaries is to prevent a band wagon movement for the General. That, they know, could cost them a chance he has this month. He will be able to see clearly how strong national sentiment for him is after the April primary results.

On the Democratic side, Senator Estes Kefauver will learn how much of a chance he has this month. He will be able to see clearly how strong national sentiment for him is after the April primary results.

One more interesting political development of the month will probably be some sort of announcement from General Eisenhower's headquarters—stating that the General has asked to be relieved. That will rank a close second to President Truman's announcement that he is not a candidate, as a red-hot news item. All in all, April is to be a sizzling political month—if it works out as the experts have it planned.

## Fountain Students Visit Williamsburg

Students of the seventh and eighth grades of Fountain school spent Friday in Williamsburg, Va. The children and their chaperons, Principal and Mrs. M. E. McDonald and Mrs. Carl Tanner, made the trip on a chartered bus.

Students making the trip were: Jack Sawyer, Fay Moore, Phyllis Corbett, Martha Hardy Johnson, Joyce Bell, Hilda Casey, Peggy Oakley, James Owens, Rose Johnson, Marie Fulford, Eugene Robertson, Bill Abrams, Bobbie Meeks, Bill Owens, Donald Robertson, Robert Killebrew, Gail Bailey, Gerald Pittman, Hilda Owens, Carolyn Harris, Billie Gardner, Carolyn Killebrew, Billie Morgan, Patsy Phillips, Barbara Pollard, Edward Fulford, Charles Summerlin, Franklin Wootan, Jan Gardner, Betty Sue Bell, Carlton Vandiford, Mildred Windham, Elizabeth Smith, Geraldine Little, Tommie Phillips, Johnnie Dilda, Jewel Gardner, James Shackelford.

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## Pre-School Clinic In Fountain Tuesday

The pre-school clinic will be held next Tuesday from noon to 2:30 in the Fountain school. The examinations will be under the supervision of Dr. E. B. Beasley of Fountain and Mrs. Johnson, a nurse associated with the county health department.

By state law, children are required to be vaccinated for diphtheria and whooping cough. Parents are requested to present certificates of vaccination to Principal M. E. McDonald, and parents are also asked to bring the child's birth certificate.

Dr. Beasley emphasized that it is important for parents to accompany their children to the clinic so that the physician may discuss the child's general health condition with the parents.

## WAR BRIDES

Because of the influx of "war brides," two-thirds of the aliens admitted to the United States last year were women, according to immigration officials. In the year ending January 31, 259,504 immigrants had been admitted to this country. Of these, 115,410 were displaced persons making a total of 352,411 D.P.'s admitted since 1948.

## NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
JAMES MILTON HOPKINS  
vs.  
EVELYN CARROLL HOPKINS

NOTICE  
The above named defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant on the grounds of two years continuous separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, in the courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina, within thirty days after the 24th day of April, 1952, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 29th day of March, 1952.  
D. T. House, Jr.,  
Clerk Superior Court  
Wm. J. Bundy,  
Attorney for Plaintiff 4-4p

## FOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FURNISH KITCHEN

The Women of the Fountain Presbyterian church met Tuesday night in the church.

Mrs. R. A. Fountain read from John 17. Others taking part on the program were Mrs. C. L. Owens and Mrs. J. L. Peole. During the business session, Mrs. J. L. Dosier, treasurer, gave a report on what the group had done during the year. Mrs. J. A. Mercer, secretary, read minutes of the last meeting.

The ladies voted to send \$10.00 to Montreat College for a scholarship. They also voted to get a stove and sink for the church kitchen. They expressed a desire to purchase tables and chairs for the dining room as soon as possible.

Present were: Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Mrs. C. L. Owens, Mrs. J. L. Dosier, Mrs. J. L. Peole, Mrs. A. C. Gay, Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mrs. Hardy Johnson, Mrs. Philip M. Cory, Mrs. E. C. Newton and Mrs. Johnnie Owens.

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## FORBES PRAYER SERVICE IS WELL ATTENDED

Approximately 60 persons attended the Forbes Free Will Baptist church prayer service last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Carrie Jefferson and her daughter, Jean. Joseph Edwards, Rev. L. B. Manning and Rev. C. D. Hamilton had parts on the program. Another service was held on Wednesday of this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Stewart.

## RESOLUTION OF RESPECT TO S. A. ROEBUCK

Whereas: Our Heavenly Father has seen best to call our beloved friend and brother, S. A. (Gus) Roebuck to a higher appointment.

Resolved: That we have lost a true friend, and loyal co-worker in all our endeavors;

Resolved: That every member of his Sunday School Class shall continue to cherish his memory;

Be It Further Resolved: That we invoke the blessings of Providence upon his family, and so be a copy of these resolutions sent to the family of our deceased brother, a copy sent to The Farmville Enterprise and a copy recorded in the minutes of The Men's Bible Class of the Farmville Baptist Church.

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also

Patrice Medina

in "ALADDIN AND HIS LAMP" plus Chapter No. 11 Flying Disc Men From Mars and Cartoon

—SUNDAY - MONDAY—

James Stewart and Arthur Kennedy

in

"BEND OF THE RIVER"

also News and Short

—TUESDAY—

—Merchant's Night—

Audie Murphy - Bill Mauldin

in "RED BADGE OF COURAGE"

also

Three Stooge and Cartoon

—WEDNESDAY—

—DOUBLE FEATURE—

Rex Allen in "HILLS OF OKLAHOMA"

also

Stewart Granger and Pier Angeli in "THE LIGHT TOUCH" plus Cartoon

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