### Finnish Peace Before Easter

#### Return Of Finn's Emissary From Moscow Leads To Peace Prospect

### THE FINNS WANT TO QUIT

Peace with Russia, perhaps before Easter, appeared to be within Finland's grasp last night on the eve of a momentous extraordinary session of Parliament called to hear the gov ernment report on Juho Paasikivi's new two-day visit to Moscow.

The aging Finnish peace emissary who broke the ice in negotiations late in February, was understood to have returned to Helsinki by air from 4-F Work Law Moscow Saturday night after having transmitted to his government some Russian modifications of armistice terms. These were considered in most quarters to be much milder than any heretofore mentioned.

terms leave to the Finns the naval Finland's southwestern tip, and Viipu ri, the Karelian metropolis which is Pinland's second city and a vital cog

in her timber industry.

But the Russians, in return for this concession, were understood to have lemanded extremely high reparations. Nothing could be learned of what was said in the discussions between Paasikivi and the Russians regarding the Moscow demand for internment tarily seek employment in essential of approximately seven German di-|work.

visions in Finland. But it seemed certain that this regard such a step a last resort, but thorny problem had been threshed that the final decision was up to sought to simplify the nation's income out and a tentative plan reached for

At any any rate, Pinnish governleaders, abandoning their usual week-ennds in the country, remained in Helsinki to canvass the new situation and reach a decision on waht to recommend to Parliament.

Parliament had been summoned to meet Monday of the usual Tuesday, in itself an indication of immediate developments, and there was a feeling In Stockholm that the chances of a but added:

"I do not think that this most vital tend to make substantial contributions." at any previous time.

Thus, the question arose as to what countermove the Germans may be prepared to make.

In this connection, the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter commented on the current visit to Germany of Gen. Hugo V. Osterman, chief of the lation providing for the 4-F work bat-Pinnish general staff and second to tallons. She idea was indorsed by Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Undersecretary of War Robert Patter-Mannerheim in the Finnish military setup. Osterman is a leading expo-nent of Finnish collaboration with the Germans. hWile in Germany, he was million 4-F's aged 18 to 37, inclusive, reported to have spoken warmly of the who are not in essential jobs. He ex- tion that the First Church has always Finnish and German army brotherhood and to have referred to the given the choice of atking such work fering, the Monroe Church makes a

remarks certainly were not designed to aid Paasikivi's mission, and suggested he might be working with Berlin on a German coup in Finland similar to that in Hugary, when Adolf Hitler suddenly moved for all-out occuptatoin of the country.

The newspaper declared that if the Germans attacked Finland the Finns would fight them. It suggested that Germany might

try a surprise occupation of key places in Finland rather than attempt a wholesale seizure of the country.

#### RAT CONTROL PROGRAM PROVING SUCCESSFUL

heavy infestation of rats and a large number were killed. The greatest inment Company, and officials there say they have not seen any live rats since the bait was put out," states Mr. May-

Officials of the Rodent Control Pund Officials of the Rodent Control Fund in Washington, D. C., state that about five percent of the rats killed by Ref. Squill will be found and therefore we can not make a very accurate count of the number killed, but we have estimated that in the two days of the campaign we killed between 25 and 30 thousand rats and from figures released by the Robert Control Service this would amount to a saving of about one thousand dollars to Union county farmers.

For those farmers who failed to set actual deferments.

For those farmers who failed to get rat poison during the campaign we will have about 50 packages at the County Agent's Office, Saturday morning, April 8th, states Mr. Mayfield.

#### County Far Behind In Red Cross War Fund Drive

R. E. Lee, Chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive for Union county, stated this merning that from all indications, Union county will fall short of its quota in the current campaign to raise \$34,000, by approximately \$5,000.

Mr. Lee is extremely anxious that the county's quota be raised and every effort will be put forth by the canvassers to see that no one is overlooked in the drive.

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the drive will continue in the county until the goal has been at-tained. Officially, the campaign closed last week, but local officials have deemed an extension of the time-limit necessary and during the next few days, will wage an intensive drive to raise the remaining amount.

# Bill Opposed

Reliable informants said the new Stimson Objects To Measure To Form Work Battalions For Men

### ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

Vigorous objections have been voiced by Secretary of War Stimson to the idea of establishing Army work bat-talions for 4-Fs' who do not colun-

He told a news conference he would Congress, and the War department would cooperate in carrying out any ers. legislators approved for meeting the man-power problem. Stimson said he believed strongly," however, that national service legislation, allowing the drafting

the best solution. He agreed that 4-F's-men rejected by the Army as physically unfit—should be utilized in the war effort,

of men and women for war work, was

Russian terms were better now than step should be taken by indirection and by induction into the Army of men not qualified to serve in the

Army.
"I do not like that at all." Stimson's objections came as a surprise to members of a House military son and Assistant Secretary of the

Navy Ralph A. Bard. Patterson estimated there are a pressed the opinion that if they were Dagens Nyheter declared Osterman's talions at Army pay, virtually all pense fund of \$400. rould find essential jobs

plans to take virtually all such men ected industries.

festation of wharf rats appears to be heavy duty) including necessary tire in Jackson and Buford townships. "We cord, fabric, and molds; radar; rockput out approximately 2600 pounds or rat bait over the county in the two tons and heavier, including truck days. Several warehouses were also trailers and class 1 and class 2 tractors were killed at the Griffin Implement Company, and officials there are several extrains attributes.

pacity ammunition; radar; mainte-nance of ships and aircraft for the

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Light Service Of The Hely The services at St. Paul's Episcopal church, commemorating the institution of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion will be a capille light

## **Change Date** Of Tax Report

Senate Committee Sets Revised Estimate Date To January 15

MORE TIME TO FILE

Because some 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 taxpayers must now guess at their in-come before they get it, the House Ways and Means committee has voted to change from December 15 to the following January 15 the final day for filing revised estimates of income.

Chairman Doughton, Democrat of North Carolina, said such a change would provide substantial relief for the self-employed and pro-

fessional people.

Under the pay-as-you-go law, declarations of expected income must be filed by all single persons with wage or salary above \$2,700 and married couples about \$3,500, and by persons with become over \$100 from sons with income over \$100 from sources other than wage or salary. The first estimate, with at least a one-fourth tax payment, is due by March 15 of each year (delayed until April 15 this year), with such tax-payers permitted to file revised estimates on June 15, September 15, and December 15. This action if made law by Congress would move the final late from December 15 to the follow-

ng January 15. The guessing procedure is designed to put on a current payment basis those taxpayers whose approximate total tax is not taken by the 20 per ent withholding levy.

Three knotty problems arose as the tax laws affecting 50,000,000 taxpay-1. What to do about exemptions for

dependents who themselves earn some money.

2. How to eliminate some of the guesswork for a large number of tax-

payers who must estimate their in-

ome, under the pay-as-you-go plan, before they get it.
3. Whether to allow reductions in the withholdings from wages and salfor religious and charitable purposes

#### MONROE CHURCH GIVES \$1,675.10 TO WINGATE

Junior College Campaign Is Making Excellent Progress.

Wingate Junior College has just received a check in the amount of \$1,675.10 from the First Baptist church f Monroe. This is a fine gift and the College appreciates the fine cooperagiven. In addition to the special of-Russians as "barbarians of the East." or being drafted into Army work bat- yearly contribution to the current ex-

The need for getting these men into nicely and contributions are coming essential work is intensified by the in from the seven associations. It approspective heavy draft of men in the pears now that the Campaign is going 18-25 age bracket from among those to be a marked success, and that the heretogore deferred for employment in College will face the future debt free, with modernized buildings, and there There are 250,000 such deferments is a prospect of beginning the buildand under present plans the Army ling of a boys' dormitory this summer. plans to take virtually all such men The gifts are not limited to Baptist except those in key jobs of a few se- churches and Baptist individuals, but gifts from churches of other denom The identity of some of those indus- nations, individuals, and firms, will be tries was definitely determined today glady received; although no definite when the War Production board the campaign has been put on to make Army, the Navy, and the Marritime these contacts. Any individual, church, commission announced the ones for which they will recommend defermants. ments. Recommendations also are to may send their check directly to the Bursar at the College. Gifts have al-Two Days Of Campaign Estimated To istration, the Rubber administration, ready come in and others are expected. Have Netted 30 Thousand Redents. The Rat Control Program of March plants, 100-octane galosine plants, and mean much for the training of the ferred from Camp Swift, Texas to



There will be no dances at the Franklin Street USO Tuesday Thursday night due to the fact that

Each Wednesday, Paul Bartlett, painter of note, comes to the Frank-lin Street USO Club to teach, using tels and charcoal.

He conducts a class for army wives at 2 o'clock and in the evening at 8:00 he gives special instruction to soldiers. Some of Mr. Bartlett's works are included in the permanent collection of Luxemburg in Paris and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

York.

Mr. Bartlett, a cousin of the world famous sculptor, Paul Bartlett, came to Charlotte to visit his friend of Harvard days, Morton Church, and to see the painting of the sculptor's wife, "The Lady in Black," at the Mint Museum. He is known to the artyminded portion of his conutry through exhibitions that have included the Chicago Art Institute, and Cincinnati

### DECORATED



LIEUT. WALTER BERGER

#### LT. BERGER DECORATED FOR HIS COMBAT FLIGHTS

At a 13th AAP base somewhere in the South Pacific on March 2 First forces have stressed. Lieutenant Walter R. H. Berger, of bardment squadron of the 13th AAF units before earning deferment. achievement while participating in Food administration (WFA). aerial combat flights of a habardous patrols were habitually encountered." Lieutenant Berger has 29 mission to Hershey had agreed to withdraw it., his credit against Jap held installations in the South Pacific during nine

months oversess. He is a graduate of Oakboro High school. His parents, who live in Star, N. C., are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Berger. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harris of Wingate.

#### THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian-Soviets leap Prut river into Rumania at several points in first invasion of Axis territory; Germans pushed back within 19 miles of prize port of Odessa.

Italian-Allies withdraw slightly at Anzio beachhead, but takee another mountain north of Cas-

Aerial .- . Italian-based . U. . S. bombbers hit Austrian ball-bearing plants and engage huge fleet of German fighters; Rore and Yugo-

Finnish-Peace before Easter for Finland appears possibility

Mongolian-Chinese reported violating Mongolian border, bombing villages.

Burma-Allied Air Commandos cut all north-south communications to chief Japanese base in north Burma; showdown fight for Imphal in India developing.

Pacific-Liberators attack Truk for eighth U. S. raid in four days on hig Japanese base.

# **Union County's** Men In Service

T-4 Sgt. Horace N. Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Moser of R4, of war and we must strike a new bal-Monroe has recently been promoted to 23rd and 24th ,was very successful, according to Assistant County Agent T.

M. Mayfield. Reports from farmers over the county show that we had a ponent parts for them:

The Rat Control Program of March plants, 100-octane galosine plants, and young people for the future. Please Camp Polk, La. His new address is tistical picture of selections of March 1, as follows:

Those announced include plants making the following items or component parts for them:

President.

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95 Cml. Bn., Camp Polk, La. Mr. and Mrs. Moser never eccived a letter months between March for about 1,008,000 men in 1,0 B. M. 2-C who is on a Merchant ship. He is somewhere overseas and says he is doing nicely and hopes to be back in the States soon.

of Service Company Special Troops of The Parachute School, at Fort Benning Georgia, has been granted a ten day furlough. He is visiting his pars, Mr. and Mrs. Stacks Craig. He hute School Guard (Interior). He entered the Army September 8, 1942. The United States Volunteer Paratroper is recognized as World War It's mos tfeared warrior.

Cpl. Marshall G. Thomas returned to the States last week. He is a son of C. B. Thomas and the lae Mrs. Thomas of Indian Trail Route 1. Cpl.

Rev. P. B. Upchurch who has been at a chaplain's school in Williamsburg, Va., and has been spending several ducted in the Army December 20, 1943, days, here with his family, will leave Tuesday for his new post of duty.

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### Hershey Drops Unit System

Local Draft Boards To Decide Hereafter On All Deferments

QUOTAS MUST BE MET

Selective Service yesterday scrapped its system of judging farm workers by units of production, but at the same time took steps to draft as many of hese registrants as possible under existing legal restrictions.

The action restored to local draft wards discretion as to deferments in agriculture, in line with a prediction Senator Russell, Democrat of Georgia.

Telegrams went to all state draft directors emphasizing that under the Tydings amendment a farm worker nust show that he is irreplaceable and regularly engaged in an agricultural ndeavor essential to the war effort. State directors were instructed to understand the urgent need for men under 26 for combat, a need which President Roosevelt and the armed

Under "war unit system" a farm Oakboro, first pilot of a medium bom- worker was supposed to produce 16 was presented three Oak Clusters to elaborate scale of war units, in terms the iAr medal by Brigadier Goss, New of various crops and kinds of live-Zealand commander for "meritorious stock, was worked out by the War

There were objections by some memnature over enemy territory where bers of Congress from farm states that enemy antiaircraft and enemy fighter the system was unfair, and Senator Russell announced this week that Yesterday's telegram to state direct tors called for "strict application of the Tydings amendment, including the provision which says that a man who leaves agriculture without determination by his local board that such action is in the national interest, will be immediately placed in a class available for induction .

For more than a year, regular e ential farm workers have been protected from the draft by an amendment to the selective service act, introduced by Senator Tydings, Demoerat of Maryland.

Yesterday's order provided that men now in 4-F (unfit for service) or 1A-L fit fo llimited service only), shall be given farm deferments in 2-C if they are now in agricultural work or they

Similarly, men now in 2-C who are given physical examinations and found 4-F or 1A-L material will be kept in 2-C.

These two provisions were designed to hold as many physically disqualified men in farm work as possible, though under present regulations, a selective service spokesman said, the new provisions would not institute a complete neasure of control over those men. Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey. meantime, urged the 6,400 local draft poards to meet their calls for ablepodled men from now on, regardless of the effect on industry and agricul-

"We must meet our calls not only s a matter of duty but as an act of patriotism," General Hershey said in the bulletin issued yesterday. "We must meet them fairly, hon-

estly, and patriotically and without regard for criticism that does not rest upon the same principles." about a year selective service has fallen short each month in proriding quotas of men to fight. Hershey said this failure was largely due to the necessity of making liberal deferments to industry and agriculture "to amass adequate stocks of food and munintions for ourselves and our Allies," but now, Hershey said, "we are adequately supplied with the sinews ance of man power between produc-

The monthly bulletin gave the sta-Camp Polk, La. His new address is tistical picture of selective service as

The armed forces in the four months between March 1 and July 1 for about 1,008,000 men in order to attain 1,080,000 men in order to attain their net strength of 11,300,000

Pfc John S. Craig, son of Mr. and wishing to write him can address him: Mrs. Stacks Craig, Ri, Waxhaw, is a Pfc James B. Long, 34436953, Station member of Service Company Scepial Hospital, Ward D 6, Camp Maxey,

Seaman 1-C Emmett Rudge Coble who has been spending a few days here with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Emmett Coble, returned to his port will arrive Friday. His duties at the this morning. He is with the USNR.

S-Sgt. Marvin Cannup and Mrs. Cannup of West Palm Beach, Fla., will come Wednesday to spend a furlough at the home of Mrs. Cannup's mother, Mrs. W. J. Armfield and will also visit other relatives.

Myron J. Braswell, seamon 2-6 writes Mrs. Braswell in Charlotte that Thomas of Indian Trail Route 1. Cpl.

Thomas says it seems good to be back he has arrived safely somewhere in the in Union county after spending 28 the Hawaiian Islanda. Beefore induction into the Navy in November Seams e all his friends. After a 22-day leave he will be reassigned to a camp in the States.

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Petty Officer 1-c Prank Browning, who is with the "Seabees" is now in the Central Pacific. He writes his mother, Mrs. H. D. Browning, that he

#### S-Sgt. Francis Stewart Is War Prisoner In Germany

Staff Sergeant Francis "Boots" Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stewart, of Lancaster Avenue, Monroe, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to informa-tion received late Saturday afternoon by Sgt. Stewart's parents from his wife, who is residing in Marshville for the duration.

Mrs. Stewart was notified Satur-day of her husband's whereabouts by a letter from the War Department, through the Red Cross, who stated that a letter would follow. Sgt. Stewart has been listed as missing over Germany, since February 4, and news of his welfare greatly relieved his relatives and a large circle of friends who have been concerned over his misfor-

"Boots" as he is affectionately knows to his friends, was on a Liberator and has been in over-seas service, stationed in England, since last November. He entered the services in May 1942.

# Rainfall Near **Eight Inches**

Report Shows Precipitation Has Been Far Above Normal For March

NORMAL TEMPERATURE

March following its traditional role vent out like a lamb Friday, after displaying lion-like characteristics for nost of the month

The third wettest March in fifty-one ears, according to the report of T. . Ashcraft of the U.S. Weather Bureal at Rock Rest, when all the forces f rain-making were turned lose, pouring tons upon tons of water on the terrain of this section.

The normal rainfall for March 4.08 inches, falling on an average of eight days. During the past month, main fell on eleven days to the amount of 7.76 inches, giving an excess for the year of 6.33 inches. The heaviest rainfall on record for March in this section was in 1929, when a total of 9.09 inches fell, with

March 1922 a second close with a total of 9 inches. Other years when the rainfall in March exceeded seven inches were in 1894, with 7:56 inches: 912 with 7.68 inches; 1913 with 7.52 nches and 1936 with 7.13 inches. As usual there was a wide range of temperature in the month, a 21-degree mark on March 9, being lowest and

86 degrees on the 26th as the highest. On twelve days, the maximum temperature was 70 and above. On eight nights, the minimum temwith the lowest on the 9th with an

normal. cloudy and five partly cloudy. The average monthly snowfall for the

#### none was recorded. MILITARY FUNERAL HELD FOR CPL. JAKE PARKER

Union County Boy Dies In Veterans

Hospital After Long Illness. Cpl. Jake C. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J .M. Parker of the Lanes Creek community, died in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S. C., Thursday, March 23, after a long period of illness contracted while in service in Guadalcanal and the Solomons. Military services were conducted at the Waxhaw Baptist church. Friday, March 24, by Chaplain Teague and a guard of honor from Camp Sutton, assisted by Rev. J. B. Little and Rev. N. S. Joyner. Burial was in the

Waxhaw cemetery.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Chalmer H. Wheeler of Burlington ,N. C., and Miss Mary Parker of the home; three brothers;

Cpl. Parker was a native of Union county and was a graduate of Union high school. Soon after his graduation from high school in 1940 he enlisted in the Army. He served overseas two years before his fatal illness and took part in several engagements. He was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbons, Asiatic-Pacific with two bat-

tle stars. He returned to the States the latter part of last year because of his illness and on January 2, was given an honorable discharge. After his dis-charge he spent much of his time with his parents until he was admitted to the veterans hospital.

# SPECIAL SERVICES AT

# Soviets Fight On Axis Soil

Cross Prut River Into Rumania Advancing On Wide Front

NAZIS ABOUT TRAPPED

The Red Army has crossed the Prut river into Rumanio at several points in the first Russian invasion of Axis territory, and also is within 19 miles of the prize port of pillaged Odessa, where thousands of Germans and Rumanians are being pinned against the Bltack sea, Moscow anne

The historic crossing into Rumania, whose finest troops already lie in graves extending clear to Stalingrad or are bottled up in the Crimea, came a full week after Russia gave that shaken Axis satellite a chance to quit its partnership with Germany. The new Russian stroke has thrown much of the Rumanian population

into a panic and martial law has been proclaimed in Bucharest, its capital, reports said. German and Rumanian broadcasts

said the Russians had crossed the Prut, which they reached last Sunday, near Iasi, key Rumanian rail hub where lines branch southward to the rich Ploesti oil fields, 170 miles away, and to Bucharest. But it was probable the Russians also had entered north Rumania since

Moscow's daily communique told of the capture of Gertsa, Bucovina village on that frontier.

The special Russian announcement stressed that the invasion of Rumania was dictated by military necessity, and

not by any Russian territorial ambition. The Soviet high command "states that it is not pursuing the enemy with the aim of seizing any part of Rumanian territory," said the broadcast recorded by the Soviet monitor. "Nor the Soviet government's action aimed at the integrity of the existing social order in Rumania. Entry into Rumania has been rendered nec by the enemy's continued resistance.

sert Adolph Hitler and speed the collapse of Germany. Mobile Russian infantrymen, tank crews and pilots under Marshal Ivan S. Koney, commander of the Second Ukraine army, were ordered to "pursue the enemy until he is routed and

This was an obvious extension of the Russian bid for Rumania to de-

capitulates." The Germans located the fighting as between Jijia and Prut rivers near Tast. The Jijia parallels the Prut 10 miles to the west, emptying into the

larger river just above Iasi. While Marshal Konev's troops were pouring into Rumania toward the Carpathian mountains in the west and perature was 32 degrees and below toward the Danube delta in the south, the Third Ukraine army under Gen average temperature for the entire Rodion Y. Malinovsky was engaged in month of 52.1 degrees or exactly looping a great noose around upwards of 200,000 German and Rumanian

### month is 4 inches. During the month BOARD ONE CALLS 51 COLORED SELECTEES

Will Report For Pre-Induction Physi-

cal Examination During April. Fifty-one colored selectees will leave for pre-induction physical examina-tion from Local Board No. 1 during

the month of April. They are as follows: Alexander Alsobrooks, Manuel Hammonds, Walter Edgar Robinson, Luther Blakeney Watts, Edward Nelson Walker, James Bivens, Earnest Howey, Erskine Pierce, Willie Heath, Roosevelt Jones, John McLendon, Roosevelt McKiney, Robert Davis, John Allen Thomas, Willis James Robson, Edward Lee Winchester, Allen Massey, Joseph Lockhart, Duta Walker, Edison David Norwood, Garris, Frank Miller, Wesley McCauley, Roddie James English, King Lee Ardrey, Paro Henry, Clarence Deese, Eugene Barnes, Everett Witherspoon, Parker of the home; three brothers; S-Sgt. James W. Parker, who is now serving in the European theater of war and Snyder and Jack Parker of the home.

Eugene Barnes, Everett Witherspoon, Keith Lee, Boswell Blakeney, Paul Jones, Randolph Caldwell, Robert Stewart, Henry McGill, Jr., Blease English, L. T. Barrett, William Howthe home. ard Jordon, Ben Laney, William Crawford, Mack Benjamin Hennighan, James Huntley, Robert Lee Robinso Tom Butler, Cornelius Sanders, William Mason Grier, Charlie Adams, Pink Morgan, Jr., Curtis Cecil Ivey, Oliver Sebront Massey, Thomas Erskine Vinson.

### CAST IS ANNOUNCED FOR "BUBBLING OVER"

"Bubbling Over," an clever college comedy, will be present-ed in the Walter Bickett high school auditorium, in Monroe, April 8th at 8:15 o'clock under the sponiorship of the local Business and Professional Women's club. Mrs. Hazel Locke ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN

Rev. Harry D Hawthorne, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church announces the following services for Holy Week and Easter at St. Luke's church, each evening this week at 8 o'clock:

Monday, "Who Is This Jesus," Tuesday, "What Is Truth?"; Wednesday, "What Is Truth?"; Wednesday, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"; Thursday, Vespers with Holy Communion; Priday, Union Service at St. Paul's Episcopal church; Sunday Williams; "Prizellis Taylor."