

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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States Likely To Control Post-War National Guard

The National Guard will probably play an important part in the post-war military organization of the United States. Already the War Department is formulating a program of training to assure the development of sufficient officers.

Heretofore, when the Guard has been ordered into Federal service, the efficiency of the organizations varied considerably. Some units were officered by capable military men, but others had to be revamped during training and maneuvers.

The High Command, it is believed, favors retention of the Guard as an agency of the States. While there has been some suggestion that the nation should organize something of a first-rank reserve, it is not believed that the historic role of the National Guard will be ended.

While there is nothing to prevent the national government from maintaining an army of whatever size Congress may approve, the several states still have the obligation of maintaining domestic order. Consequently, regardless of what the Federal Government does, most of the states will maintain a Guard organization.

Army Gives Parties Broadcasting Time

The War Department, apparently anxious to avoid charges of partiality, has decided to give a specific period to five political parties on short-wave broadcasts to troops overseas.

The Army specifies the Democratic, Prohibition, Republican, Socialist and Socialist-Labor parties as those entitled to broadcast political addresses overseas. Obviously, the matter was one which required considerable thought but it is hard to determine where the line will be drawn if other parties claim broadcasting rights.

The Prohibition, Socialist and Socialist-Labor parties may not be the only political organizations interested in the November election. Certainly, insofar as public interest is concerned, the Democratic and Republican parties are entitled to more time than the minor organizations and the net result of including the three smaller groups will be to cut down the time available to the major parties.

While we do not believe that the minor parties should be barred from the air, we suggest that a minimum time should be given to all recognized and functioning political groups but that, in addition to the minimum time allotted, there should be additional broadcast periods available on the basis of the vote cast in previous elections.

American Losses Are Lower Than Anticipated

The Navy announces the cancellation of some contracts for the construction of landing craft, infantry, large, and explains the order by saying that in the invasions of Sicily, Italy and France losses were "far lower than anticipated" and that remaining craft, under construction and on order, will meet the needs for this type of vessel in future amphibious operations.

This emphasizes the unexpected low losses sustained in our invasion efforts. It is the same factor that caused a cut-back in the production of heavy bombers. Both in the air and on the sea, Allied losses have been lower than expected despite great gains made.

The same observation, we believe, applies to the casualties suffered by our fighting men. While many Americans have lost their lives, others have been wounded and some captured, the total is much below what experienced military leaders expected and, in consideration of the enormous strides made toward victory, far less blood has been shed than the people of the country feared would be necessary to defeat the enemy.

Freight Rate Structure Called A "Crazy Quilt"

It is almost time for the Board of Investigation and Research, established under the Transportation Act of 1940, to make its final report before its termination in September.

The two-man board gave out a preliminary suggestion of its findings in May, recommending the elimination of arbitrary freight rate differentials and a new approach to regulation of transportation based on cost and service.

The freight rate structure, according to the board, "has become a crazy quilt of inequalities and discriminations" under the impact of destructive competition between carriers, pressure of powerful shippers, companies and traditions.

The members of the board think that rate-making should be based upon cost of service in order to promote the "economic growth and prosperity of the nation as a whole." This would enable each carrier to develop in its own economic sphere and give the public the full benefits to be derived from each type.

Discover How It Happens

British, American and Russian diplomats, meeting at Debbaron, have been discussing ways to determine how small nations could be given a role in security deci-

Self and the next few weeks may offer further exhibitions along the same line.

JOHN T. LANE

John Thomas Lane, aged 67, well known farmer of Hertford Route 2, died suddenly at his home near here at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning following a heart attack.

He had been an active distributor of vegetables and other things throughout the town and county for over 40 years. In this way he made many friends, both young and old.

He was a member of Center Hill M. E. Church, and was an active and loyal member until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Isabelle Lane, one foster son J. T. Lane of Hertford, two brothers, J. E. Lane of California, G. O. Lane of Chowan County, two grandchildren, Tommy and Julie Lane of Hertford. Also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 4:30 Monday afternoon.

The Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor of Center Hill Methodist Church, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, and the Rev. H. G. Dawkins pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, officiated.

Opening the service, Miss Kate Blanchard played one of Mr. Lane's favorite hymns, "Abide With Me," after which Mrs. Olwyn Roberts sang "Death Is Only a Dream."

The Rev. B. C. Reavis read from his favorite Scripture and remarked briefly on his companionship with Mr. Lane.

The Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson also read Scripture, after which the Rev. Howard Dawkins offered prayer.

The lovely flowers and the huge attendance which overflowed the home and into the yard, paid high tribute to Mr. Lane.

The active pallbearers were: Jack Brinn, C. A. Perry, W. E. Elliott, S. P. Bazemore, W. E. Bagley and W. O. Hunter.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mechanical Drier Saves Alfalfa Hay

The Seitz Dairy Farm in Catawba County made its first cure of alfalfa hay with a mechanical drier in early August, producing a bright green hay with no loss in leaves.

County Agent Earl Brintnall reports that the mowing machine made the first cut in the 8-acre field between 11 and 12:30 o'clock on Wednesday. The side delivery rake began its work at 3 and at 4 the loading of the alfalfa into the barn began. Four loads were put in on Wednesday, five on Thursday, and the remainder on the eight acres on Friday.

On an adjoining farm alfalfa cut on Wednesday was raked Thursday afternoon and put into the barn on Friday. A second cutting on Thursday was not ready for the barn on Saturday and had to be left in the field over the week-end. This hay was wet by rain and damaged. The neighbor said: "Our alfalfa was badly bleached because of the very heavy dews that week. The Seitz Dairy avoided these dews, put the hay in the barn the same day it was cut, and the harvesting was over in three days after the mower started."

The Seitz drier is in a comparatively small barn, 21 by 48 feet. About 300 feet of lumber was used in making the air duct. The floor was not tight and it was refloored with 1,600 feet of lumber. Three workers built the ducts and laid the floor in 2 1/2 days. The blower and the motor, complete with belts and pulley, cost \$213.50 at Newton.

"This machine seems to be worthwhile," says Brintnall. "It helps to take the gamble out of hay making, in addition to producing a better quality hay. The hay dried with it was of the very best quality."

Presidential Campaign About To Get Underway

It is a bit too early to attempt to size up the approaching election from a national point of view. The issues are not yet clear, even if the possibility exists that they will not become any more definite.

The bid of President Roosevelt for a fourth term hinges upon the war. Whether the struggle against Hitler ends before the voting there seems little chance that he will lose much of the strength that comes to him as a result of the international conflict.

Both President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey will shortly make public addresses of a political nature. They will undoubtedly tend to create differences between their viewpoints but, as near as we can judge, no great head-on clash is in the offing.

The partisans behind the candidates will not be as courteous to each other as the principals. There will be name-calling and denunciation, with charges and counter-charges. It is all a part of the political game but we have considerable doubt over the net result upon the voting.

The soldier vote is a factor to be considered, although nobody has any idea as to the number of ballots that will be cast overseas. The general opinion, we believe, is that the President will have a decided edge on his opponent in the soldier vote.

Questions of foreign policy will inevitably effect many domestic voters, especially those who have strong ties to other lands. So far, these minorities have not clearly revealed any decided drift toward either candidate, but any day some determination, affecting their native lands, may throw them one way or the other.

There is much interest in the effect of an early peace with Germany. Contrasting opinions are expressed but it is hard to see how the outcome will be altered by such good fortune. The continuation of the war against Japan has some effect upon the general situation.

There is much discussion of various groups, such as the Negro vote, the labor vote, the farm vote, and so on. Conflicting claims naturally come from rival camps but, in our opinion the most definite indication, at this time, relates to the labor vote, which seems to be favorable to the President.

The Republican leaders expect to secure strong backing in agricultural sections, particularly in the West and Midwest, and they assert that the New Deal has lost much of its appeal to Negroes. Preliminary surveys indicate some basis for GOP confidence in regards to these classes.

It is necessary, in connection with the coming election, to consider the great personal following that Mr. Roosevelt has amassed. He is far and above his party in political strength. The record since 1932 demonstrates his unusual appeal to Americans and his uncanny understanding of popular sentiment.

In the end the election may well turn on the personal popularity of the two contenders, rather than specific issues. This is what the President would undoubtedly prefer, feeling that the voters know him and his record better than Mr. Dewey and what he has accomplished. The Republican candidate is aware of this and is determined to project his personality and principles upon the public mind. He has given evidence of considerable political acuity him-

HURDLETOWN NEWS

Little Miss Chelsea Smith of Berea is spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Z. D. White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vivian Hurdle of South Norfolk, Va., spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Charles M. Hurdle.

Miss Betty Smith of Berea is spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Baccus of near Hertford spent Sunday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baccus.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Harris and Roy, of Body Road near Elizabeth City spent Saturday evening and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Chas. M. Hurdle.

Mrs. Mattie Smith, Durwood

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Gary Cooper in
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Saturday, Sept. 9—
Russell Hayden and Bob Wills in
"WYOMING HURRICANE"

Sunday, Sept. 10—
Matinee 2:30, 4:15, Night 9:15
Sydney Greenstreet and
Peter Lorre in
"THE MASK OF DEMITRIOS"

Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 11-12—
Fred MacMurray
Barbara Stanwyck and
Edward G. Robinson in
"DOUBLE INDEMNITY"

Wednesday, Sept. 13—Bargain Day
Anna Neagle and Richard Greene
—in—
"YELLOW CANARY"
Also "The Phantom" No. 9

Thursday-Friday, Sept. 14-15—
Red Skelton and
Esther Williams in
"BATHING BEAUTY"

REVIVAL CLOSED

Revival services at Bethany Methodist Church, near Belvidere closed Sunday night. Preaching was

done by the Rev. "Ben" Millikan of Belvidere. The Rev. Thomas F. Andrews, 82-year-old Soldier of the Cross, of Liberty, N. C., assisted in the services. Attendance, which was small at the beginning of the week, increased as the meeting progressed.



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BETHEL NEWS

Mrs. Alice Withers of New York City has returned to Norfolk, Va., after visiting Mrs. W. E. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bagley and daughter and Mrs. Joe Woodley of Creswell spent the week-end with relatives here.

J. L. Curtis and Sidney Curtis have returned to Norfolk after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Curtis for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mansfield of Richmond, Va., and Will Mansfield of Suffolk, Va., were guests of J. H. Mansfield Sunday.

Mrs. Kramer Williams and children are spending some time with her parents in Englehard.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mansfield and daughters, of near Edenton, were guests of Mr. Mansfield's father, J. H. Mansfield, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Long and son visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs Thursday.

Mrs. W. D. Curtis, who has been ill at the home of her son, W. E. Curtis, is much improved.

Eliner Tarkenton and Mrs. Temple Tarkenton visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ansell of St. Brides, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tarkenton visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mariner Sunday.

Miss Mavis Stallings has returned to her home at Camden after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vasti White.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stallings of Camden visited relatives here Thursday.

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