

Last week in Mississippi, 27,000 officers and men, including National Guardsmen and regulars from eight Southern states, manoeuvred over 120,000 acres of swampy, forested, sandy and difficult Gulf Coast terrain in the largest peace-time manoeuvres in the history of this country.

**Widespread Manoeuvres.**

This week almost as many soldiers will be operating around San Antonio, Texas, in the second phase of the same general military exercises. Other phases of the widespread manoeuvres will take place at Fort Francis Warren, Wyoming, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Valuable staff experience is expected to be gained as the soldiers go through their paces, simulating war conditions as nearly as possible.

It will probably surprise most readers to know that about 700,000 Americans are receiving military training this year under the direction, wholly or in part, of Army officers. This figure does not include the members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, which would add another 150,000.

**700,000 In Training.**

The Regular Army includes 177,300, the National Guard 182,909, the Reserve Officers Training Corps, 167,118, the Citizens Military Training Camps 34,171, and the Organized Reserves 96,545. This makes a total of 658,043, to which should be added the enlisted reserves of about 50,000 and such military units in which the Federal government has no direct part.

During the summer training camps in the nine corps areas and in Hawaii will reach 250,841 civilians, of whom 8,105 are officers in the R. O. T. C., 25,656 officers of the Organized Reserves, 34,171 are in the C. M. T. C. and 168,658 belong to the National Guard. Assisting them and participating in the various manoeuvres are 3,224 officers and 45,494 enlisted men of the regular Army.

The fact that only a small number of the members of the R. O. T. C. are in summer camps is explained by the fact that these men are members of military organizations in universities, colleges and military academies, where they are trained nine months of the year. Officers of the Organized Reserve are also under instruction at different periods during the year. The number from the C. M. T. C. is not larger because the money appropriated by Congress was just enough to pay for training the 35,000 men now in camp.

**C. M. T. C. Important**

It is interesting to note that since Major-General Leonard Wood organized the first Citizens Military Training camp at Plattsburg a quarter of a century ago, 333,777 men have received training, of whom 21,402 have been in camp four years, 25,914 three years, 69,903 two years, 187,498 one year.

When one adds to this number the 113,500 officers and enlisted men of the Navy, the 5,000 Coast Guards, the 18,000 Marines and a Reserve force of about 50,000 officers and men, it is seen that there is nearly a million men in the United States receiving some military or naval training in 1938.

It should be noted that these figures do not include the cadets at West Point or the midshipmen at Annapolis. Some future Admirals enjoyed a training voyage in European waters and the future Generals, or at least a part of them, are on a tour through the military centers of the United States, picking up information and observing the latest weapons of the Army.

**Reasonable Preparedness**

Viewed altogether, the military establishment of the United States, at this time, seems to be on a better basis than at any time in the recent past, excepting the days of the World War. Special effort has been made to build up a competent body of officers to serve in an emergency and the National Guard units have been tremendously improved in the past few years. While the people of this country are not militarily inclined, there is no reason why they should not take pride in the evidences of reasonable national preparedness.

The State of New Mexico will wind up the primary parade on September 28. Already about two-thirds of the states have deter-

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**A black-face minstrel is to be given here**

—in the Sparta high school auditorium on Saturday night, August 20, at eight o'clock. It is said that this program offers one and one-half hours of entertainment that no one can afford to miss. The program is being sponsored by the Baptist W. M. U.

The cast of characters follows: James Toms, Isom Wagoner, Ed Lundy, R. E. Black, Tom Greene, Bryan Taylor, T. R. Burgess, C. M. Walls, Paul Miles, Duke Bledsoe, Larry Seamann, A. B. O'Mohundro.

Mrs. R. L. Berry, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, Mrs. Duke Bledsoe, Misses Emaline Hawthorne, Edna Walls, Faye Jones, Vancine Choate and Mildred Wagoner.

Virginia Gentry, Mary Warren, Dan Thompson, Sarah Warren, Doris Richardson, Eva Sue Wagoner, Patsy Roy Burgess, Leslie Goodman, Dorothy Shepherd, Gaye Evans, Wanda Gillespie, George Hines, Tommy Burgess, Charles Tompkins, Opal Nichols, Ida Maude Black and Joe McMillan.

A nominal admission charge will be made.

**Married In July**



Mrs. Clayton Fender (above), who was, before her marriage on Friday, July 22, Miss Ruth Hoppers, Sparta. The wedding ceremony was performed at Independence, Va., by Rev. E. A. Poole, a Methodist minister. — Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.

**Plans are now complete for the Old Fiddlers**

—convention to be held in Galax, at Felts park, Friday and Saturday of this week. The event is expected to be one of the biggest entertainment events ever witnessed by residents of Galax and vicinity. Hundreds of persons from all sections of the state, as well as from many parts of adjoining states, are expected to be in Galax for the event, which is being sponsored by the Galax Loyal Order of Moose and the Parent-Teachers association there.

Registrations by the best musicians from all over this section of the country have already been made in far greater numbers than ever before, it is said. Many outstanding authorities on music are expected to attend.

A ball game, special music and other entertainment will take place Saturday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock.

What has been referred to as one of the most attractive features of the convention, and one that is creating much interest and suspense is the formal wedding which is to take place Friday night, at ten o'clock. The Maid of Honor will be selected from the eighteen bridesmaids, by their own choice.

Mrs. R. A. Anderson will be Matron of Honor, and the bride is to be given away by B. D. Beamer, Mayor of Galax. The brother of the bridegroom will be the best man. After the ceremony an elaborate supper is to be served the bridal couple at the Royal Cafe, in Galax.

**A guest meeting is to be held by the Methodist**

—Women's Missionary society tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at the parsonage, with Mrs. A. B. Bruton, Mrs. Jay Hardin and Mrs. Dalton Warren associate hostesses. Mrs. James Toms will have charge of the program.

All ladies of the Methodist church are invited to attend this meeting.

**A farmers' picnic was held on August 12**

—at Galax in Felts park, beginning at 10 a. m., and lasting until late in the afternoon. Wayne Larrowe, Galax, was master of ceremonies, in the morning, and the principal address was delivered by A. C. Oosterhuis, president of the American Holstein-Friesian association. Garnett Guynn, Hillsville, acted as secretary.

Music was rendered by members of the Moose Melody band, after which S. Floyd Landreth, Galax, delivered an address of welcome. The general agricultural program being carried out in this section was discussed by J. M. Cassell, Hillsville, Carroll county agricultural agent. A picnic lunch was served at noon, and various contests, etc., were conducted during the afternoon.

M. W. Reynolds, Agricultural teacher in Virginia-Carolina high school, Grassy Creek, was master of ceremonies in the afternoon. A three-inning baseball game was played between a Grayson team and a Carroll team, the Carroll team winning by a score of 10-1. In a tug-of-war between FFA county groups, the Grayson entrants won.

Among other speakers heard during the day were Dr. T. K. Wolfe, Richmond; E. R. Davis and N. M. Ward, Galax, and R. L. Wiley, Independence.

It was estimated that more than 600 persons attended the affair.

**Baptist Training union study courses were held**

—in six of the churches of the Alleghany Baptist association last week. The book was taught at Laurel Springs

by Miss Estelle Councilman, of Bear Creek; at Scottville by Miss Mary Sumney, of Hickory; at New Hope by Hubert Middleton, of Wake Forest; at Mount Carmel by Wilbur Lamm, of Louisville; at Liberty by Miss India Hill, of Benson, and at Sparta by Miss Imo Gene Anthony, of Yadkinville, and Miss Willie Marks, of Rockingham.

A union meeting was held Friday afternoon at the Baptist church, at which time each union gave interesting and encouraging reports from the various churches. Scottville received recognition for having the largest number of delegates present at the meeting. After the reports, a splendid program was presented by this group of young leaders. Mrs. James Hoppers and Miss Marks presided.

**Five girls began work last week on the NYA**

—homework project, under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Ray, supervisor of the NYA in Alleghany county.

In this project, which is sponsored by the director of the Save The Children Fund, the girls will be taught to sew, to weave and hook rugs and to mend clothing. They will also receive instruction in various other crafts.

**THE NORTH CAROLINA EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**

—office here will be open only on Wednesday next week, due to the fact that S. R. Nichols, interviewer for the office, will be on his vacation.

However, a representative from the North Wilkesboro office will be here on Wednesday, August 24.

**To Assist In Meetings**



Rev. J. M. Hayes (above), of Winston-Salem, who is to assist Rev. Howard J. Ford in a series of revival meetings scheduled to begin Sunday night, August 21, in the Laurel Springs school building.

**The furniture strike at Galax continues**

—and little progress toward a solution of the difficulties seems to have been made during the past several days.

The strike has been in progress since July 14, when the workers walked out in protest against a 15 per cent. wage reduction that had been scheduled to go into effect that day.

No disorders at the plant have been reported since last Thursday.

In a statement made recently, S. F. Fulks, attorney for the strikers, said "the strike has now entered its second month, and, so far as I can see, it is as far from settlement as it was the day the men came out."

He added that there appeared to be some hope of compromise Thursday, but it did not materialize.

"I look for no more trouble," the statement added, "unless additional outside labor is introduced."

The strikers met in Firemen-Legion hall, Galax, Saturday morning and a number of speeches were made by members of the strike committee, and several of the men on strike, Mr. Fulks said after the meeting, and there appeared not a scintilla of discord.

Continuing Mr. Fulks said: "A rumor for some reason has been circulated that the purpose of the meeting today was to obtain a secret vote on the question of returning to work at the wage cut. As a matter of fact, the men do not want to vote and will not countenance any suggestion of a vote.

"Many pleas were heard from the platform today for peace and order. The strikers probably could return to work at the cut and escape actual want and hunger, but they take the position that to do so would expose their fellowmen in other industries of like kind in the south to wage cuts which would drop thousands below the poverty line."

Taylor G. Vaughan, president of the company, issued the following statement in connection with the strike Monday morning for publication:

"Thursday afternoon I had a conference with four members of the committee, namely: Spurlin, Norman, Farmer and Kenny, who left me, and also officers who were present, under the impression that they would use their best efforts to get the men back to work by this (Monday) morning. For this reason no effort was made to get men into the factory. I saw a member of the committee Saturday afternoon who stated that he did not believe that the men would ever come back to work. In my opinion the men are not taking the advice of the committee or the committee is not advising the men what they tell me. There seems no further point in conferring with the committee that has no control over the men or does not represent the wishes of the men, whichever the case may be.

"So far as I can see, there is no end to the strike in sight and, (Turn to page five, please)

**A farm tour is to be made in Alleghany county**

—on Thursday, September 1, according to an announcement made recently by R. E. Black, Alleghany county

farm agent. Farms where outstanding work has been done on pastures, and in beef production, sheep raising, terracing, tobacco and corn growing, poultry, home conveniences and other things which would be of interest to farm people will be visited.

At least one Extension specialist from State college, Raleigh, and Miss Annie C. Rowe, district home agent for the western counties of the state, will be present.

All farmers in the county are invited to go on this tour, and a special invitation is extended to the women. Miss Rowe has things to discuss on the tour, it has been pointed out, that every farm woman should be interested in. The party will leave Sparta at 8:30 a. m., and anyone going on the tour should carry their lunch, it is said.

**A ram sale is to be held in Sparta August 20**

—at 2:00 p. m. At that time a goodly number of rams will be offered for sale from purebred flocks of Alleghany county.

Any farmer who has a ram that he wishes to sell or exchange may bring his animal to Sparta Saturday afternoon, and he will be assisted in any way possible to sell for cash or exchange for another.

This is a free service being offered the sheep growers of the county, it has been pointed out, and it is being referred to by interested persons as a good opportunity for farmers of the county who desire to do so to dispose of their old ram or buy a new one.

**The Young Women's circle will hold its August meeting**

—tonight (Thursday), at eight o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Graham Myers, with Miss Lillie Ervin as hostess.

**The screen tarzan was divorced by Lupe Velez**

—Monday. The actress told the judge: "He didn't like the way I did everything. He was always telling me to get a divorce."

So Lupe got her long-threatened divorce from Johnny Weissmuller. The peppery Mexican actress testified in superior court that the Tarzan of the films was "very insulting," went into rages in front of her guests, broke a lamp, threw dishes at her, called her "dirty names" and threatened to kill her little dog.

**Three Governors are to get invitations to be present for dedication ceremonies**

—to be held at the new Doughton bridge across New river, near Brush Creek, about eight miles north of Sparta toward Independence, on Labor Day (Monday, September 5).

Governor Clyde Roark Hoel, of North Carolina, Governor James H. Price, of Virginia, and Governor Homer A. Holt, of West Virginia, will be invited. A decision to invite the state executives mentioned was reached at a meeting held Monday in Charlotte.

Dr. B. A. Wagoner and C. D. Palmer, Jr., Wytheville, Va., boosters of tourist traffic over route 21 from Miami by Charlotte, Wytheville, Bluefield and Charleston, W. Va., and on to the Great Lakes, conferred at length Monday afternoon with Clarence O. Kuester, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce manager, about the celebration.

**A report that the South is in need of help**

—more than any other section of the country, was made Friday by the national emergency council. The report said that the South was ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clad to a greater degree than in any other section of the nation.

Summarizing the South's economic conditions at the president's request, for the information of Congress and the country, the council said the region's population problems were the most pressing of any America must face. Declaring these problems were national, it concluded:

"The South is the nation's greatest untapped market and the market in which American business can expand most easily. Northern producers and distributors are losing profits and Northern workers are losing work because the South cannot afford to buy their goods."

The report was made public only a few days after President Roosevelt, campaigning in the South for a new deal Congress, had reiterated his desire to increase Southern purchasing power.

Agriculture, industry, banking, labor, women and children all were described by the council as burdened by the economic ills peculiar to the area studied: Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

No remedial measures were suggested, but Lowell Mellett, director of the council, in his letter of transmittal said that the realistic attitude of Southern leaders who helped prepare the treatise indicated that "something will be done about it." He added that the solution must be part political, with participation by industry, business, schools and private citizens.

The president, in asking for the report on June 22, and in outlining it to the conference on economic conditions in the South on July 5, said that it would be presented to Congress.

**Rev. J. M. Hayes, Winston-Salem, will assist**

—Rev. Howard J. Ford in a series of revival services to be held jointly by the Methodist and Baptist churches, in the Laurel Springs school building. The meetings are scheduled to begin Sunday, August 21, at 8:00 p. m. Both day and night services will be held.

The Rev. Mr. Hayes is a brother of Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of North Wilkesboro, and has held pastorates in Elkin and Lexington, and in Beckley, W. Va.

**The fourth quarterly conference will be held here Sunday**

—August 21, at 11:00 a. m., at the Methodist church, for the Sparta charge. Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., presiding elder of the Statesville district, will be in charge of the meeting, it was announced recently by the local pastor, Rev. A. B. Bruton.

The Rev. Mr. Hoyle will preach and conduct the business session of the quarterly conference.

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**National And World NEWS At A Glance**

**SALLY CLARK TO WED**  
Nahant, Mass., Aug. 14.—Mrs. F. Haven Clark, mother-in-law of John Roosevelt, youngest son of the president, tonight announced the engagement of her daughter, Sally, to George Xavier McLanahan, of New York and Watch Hill, R. I.  
Now appearing as a singer at a Boston hotel, Sally will be married January 6.

**GEORGE PLANS FIGHT**  
Waycross, Ga., Aug. 15.—In a cheer-punctuated speech Senator Walter F. George militantly declared today he would repulse President Roosevelt's effort to drive him from the senate—and inferred the president was "misinformed" in condemning him as a foe of liberalism.

**HULL URGES PEACE**  
Washington, Aug. 16.—Cordell Hull, secretary of state, urged upon all nations tonight the adoption of "a comprehensive program embracing both economic reconstruction and revitalizing of principles which are indispensable for restoration of order under law."

**SPEAKS FOR SOUTH**  
Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Governor Hoey said tonight that "fair" distribution of federal funds and removal of "discriminatory" freight rates would go a long way toward solving the South's economic problems.

The South, Governor Hoey said, has not received a "fair share of government favors in the way of economic assistance."

**HAMILTON SCORES HULL**  
Washington, Aug. 14.—Chairman John Hamilton of the Republican national committee, in an open letter to Secretary Hull, accused the State department today of disseminating inaccurate statistics and "misleading propaganda" in support of the trade agreements program.