

Glenn Maxwell Again Sentenced To Die

Washington, May 3 (AS)—So many Senators and Representatives are reporting the receipt of floods of letters from the folks back home, expressing the fear that the United States is heading toward war, or asking what the real foreign policy of the Administration is, that it is evident that a "war scare" of considerable dimensions is spreading over the nation.

The fear that the United States is being headed toward participation in another European war has not been allayed by the utterances of men in high positions. Those included the president, whose recent public expressions have caused alarm, and Senator Taft, of Ohio, who openly charged the President with exaggerating the war situation for the purpose of promoting his own political fortunes. "Ballyhoo" is the word Senator Taft used.

It is not easy to discover and set down all the facts in a situation so complicated by personalities and ambitions, but the combined judgment of the best-informed observers in Washington may be summarized somewhat as follows:

First, there is more war talk and fear of war in the United States than there is in England, and less justification for it. Newspaper headlines and loose talk in Washington are to blame.

Second, the President does not want to drag the United States into war but is sincerely trying to prevent or postpone a war between the great European powers. The best judgment here is that his public statements so far have had a deterrent effect upon the dictators.

Third, the President believes that he is reflecting overwhelming American public opinion in lining up this country by "measures short of war" on the side of England and France and against Germany, Italy and Japan.

Hopes For Peace
If such an overwhelming public opinion is demonstrated clearly to the Dictator nations, backed up by the demonstration now under way of American preparedness for war if necessary, and the adoption of economic measures which would help the democracies, the hope which actuates the Administration is that the aggressor nations will at least pause long enough to give England and France time in which to complete their military alliances and their war preparations.

To do that, in the hope of averting war, the President will go as far as possible, provided he feels that he has a strong backing of public sentiment.

As to what the position of the United States might be if the efforts to stop the impending war fail that is something which is up to the American people and the Congress, but in which the leadership of the President would be a strong factor, if not a decisive one.

It can be set down as certain that nobody in Washington from the President down wants this country to get into any war. The only important difference of opinion is on the question whether the policies and pronouncements of the White House will have the desired effect of keeping the United States out of Europe's quarrels.

Immersed In Situation

The President has become so immersed in the European situation that those who have talked with him lately report that he seems to be losing interest in domestic affairs. His chief immediate concern is with the economic forces which can be mustered in support of England and France.

Those include the "barter" plan of swapping American surplus products for supplies which we need—but not with Japan, Germany or Italy—creating new financial machinery to enable France and Britain to realize dollars for American securities owned by their nationals without dislocating the securities market, and political loans to South American and perhaps other nations to enable them to buy American goods instead of trading with Germany or Japan.

Among national problems, as against international matters, the movement to amend the Wagner Labor Relations Act to give employers an even break with employees seems to be making progress in Congress. There is strength behind the movement to revamp the WPA and the whole relief policy of the Government, though nothing definite has yet taken form.

On Capitol Hill even New Dealers are saying that the Agricultural farm subsidy situation is getting out of control, and becoming (turn to page three, please)

Commencement at Sparta High School will open

—on Friday morning, May 12, at 10:30 o'clock, at which time the Seventh Grade certificates and Perfect Attendance certificates are to be presented. Presentation of these certificates will be followed by the annual High School debate.

The question for debate this year is: "Resolved, That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain." John Pugh and Guy McCann will uphold the affirmative, and the negative is to be argued by Misses Louise Carico and Jesse Lois Jones.

The annual declamation and recitation contests are scheduled for Friday afternoon, May 12, at 1:30 o'clock, with the following boys participating and giving declamations, as follows: Dan Thompson, "When Duty's Voice is Obedient, No Failures are Made"; David Easterling, "Henry W. Grady"; Robert Berry, "My Mother, My Country, My God," and Kyle Atwood, "Happiness and Liberty."

Five girls will take part in the recitation contest, as follows: Miss Hope Marshall, "At the Swimming Pool"; Miss Louise Carico, "Ma Takes a Chance"; Miss Elvira Wagoner, "De Green Squash and Pa"; Miss Gretchen Duncan, "The Cat Came Back," and Miss Lois Mitchell Reeves, "Mrs. Tremble Visits the Painless Dentist."

Graduation exercises are to be held on Saturday morning, May 13, at 10:30 o'clock. The literary address to the graduates is to be delivered by Dr. L. C. Greer, superintendent of the Miles Home, at Thomasville.

The Senior class play, "The Scarecrow Creeps," is to be presented on Saturday night, May 13, at eight o'clock. The concluding program of the 1939 finals will be held on Sunday morning, May 14, at eleven o'clock, when the commencement sermon to the graduating class is to be preached by Rev. A. C. Gibbs, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church, in Statesville, who is a former presiding elder of the old Mount Airy District.

All the commencement programs will be held in the high school auditorium. Superlative students have been chosen in the Senior class as follows: Best in Scholarship, Miss Jesse Lois Jones and Louis Irwin; Most athletic girl, Miss Annie Mae Truitt; most athletic boy, Paul Richardson; Most beautiful girl, Miss Opal Greene; Most handsome boy, Frank Osborne; Most popular girl, Miss Emory (turn to page 5, please)

With Judge J. H. Clement presiding—Alleghany Superior Court convened for the Spring term here on Monday

—morning, May 1. Judge Clement, of Winston-Salem, opened what is expected to be a week's term of criminal and civil cases. When court adjourned for the day Tuesday afternoon, the majority of the criminal cases had been tried and disposed of. Walter Blevins was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary upon pleading guilty of breaking and entering, on two counts, and was given a one-year suspended sentence for larceny of an automobile.

In the case of State vs. Porter and Miller, for stealing an automobile wheel and tire, Fred Miller was put on probation for a period of five years. In the Porter case, a non-suit was taken. Jake Alley was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was required to pay the cost of the action.

Lon Farmer was found guilty of dynamiting fish, but the sentence has not yet been handed down. In the case of the State vs. Avery Weddell and Stella Miller on a charge of adultery, the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty" after deliberation for about ten minutes.

A number of other minor cases were disposed of.

The Senior class and faculty members of Sparta High

School were entertained with a party in the high school reading room on Thursday night, April 27, by a number of mothers of members of the Senior class. The mothers who entertained were: Mrs. Vance Choate, Mrs. Walter Osborne, Mrs. Lon Mac Reeves, Mrs. C. C. Castevens, Mrs. Marvin Doughton, Mrs. Dalton Warren, Mrs. A. C. McMillan and Mrs. P. L. Choate.

Apple blossoms and other Spring flowers were used effectively in decorations.

Games, contests and dancing were enjoyed, and delicious refreshments were served.

Governor Hoey honored papers for extradition

of four persons, providing for their return to Wythe County, Virginia, to face charges of house-breaking and grand larceny. The chief executive honored the papers Saturday in Raleigh, at the request of Virginia authorities.

The four for whom extradition was sought were being held in jail at Wilkesboro. They are: John Kitts, Eva Mae Moore Kitts, Andy Kitts and Opal Farmer Kitts.

Sheriff W. C. Kincer, of Wythe County, and Deputy Sheriff J. W. Taylor were at Wilkesboro awaiting the arrival of the extradition papers.

The Virginia officers said the quartet was wanted for the theft of \$860 from a garage and store house at Wytheville, Va.

Wilkes county officers arrested the quartet near Wilkesboro several days ago. They said they found considerable merchandise and a large supply of guns and ammunition with the Kitts.

The four were suspected of the robbery of the Alleghany Motor Company and theft of an automobile and safe belonging to the firm here several weeks ago.

Daniel C. Roper is to serve only temporarily

—in Ottawa, as U. S. minister to Canada, it was disclosed Tuesday in Washington, D. C.

The former secretary of commerce, appointed to the diplomatic post by President Roosevelt, said:

"I expect to remain only during the period of the visit of the king and queen of Great Britain. That would be about 60 days, or 90 days at the most."

Reenacting Washington's Journey



George Washington's coach, traveling from Mount Vernon to the New York World's Fair, reenacts the inaugural journey of the first president. Denys Wortman, New York cartoonist, plays the part of Washington.

Commencement at Piney Creek High School closed

—on Wednesday night, April 26, at seven o'clock, when the graduating exercises were held, bringing the 1938-39 term of the school, under the management of L. K. Halsey, principal, to an end.

At this time, the literary address to the Seniors was delivered by Professor W. Amos Abrams, head of the English Department at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Diplomas were presented to the following graduates: Misses Virginia Austin, Logene Caudill, Delores Douglass, Edna Rae Smith and Marjorie Woodie, Hobert Delp, Bruce Osborne, Lewis Hash and Cam Wyatt.

The salutatory address was delivered at the beginning of the graduation program by Miss Virginia Austin, who made the second highest average grade during her four-year high school career, of all the members of the class. Near the close of the program, Cam Wyatt, first honor student, who made the highest four-year average grade for the class, delivered the valedictory address.

A Citizenship medal was presented to a member of each of the high school classes, as follows: Freshman—Miss Helen Halasy; Sophomore—Miss Edith Osborne; Junior—Miss Mattiline Gambill, and Senior—Miss Marjorie Woodie.

The commencement sermon to the graduating class was preached on Sunday morning, April 23, at eleven o'clock, by Rev. R. H. Stone, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Jefferson.

The graduating exercises were in the form of a Class Day play, and were very interesting and entertaining.

The opening program of the commencement was presented on Saturday night, April 22, when the Senior play, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," was presented in the new high school auditorium, where all the commencement programs were held. The play, which was well attended, was a dramatization of Mark Twain's immortal novel, portraying all the characters that the great dramatist drew so richly. The behavior of all present during the presentation of the play has been commented on as being exceptionally good.

The play was a sequel to, or follow-up of, the play, "Huckleberry Finn," which was presented by the graduating class of 1938 at Piney Creek.

"THE GYPSY ROVER" IS TO BE PRESENTED SUNDAY

—night, May 6, at eight o'clock, at Sparta High School, by the Glee Club, sponsored by the Music Department of the school. The presentation will be in the form of an operetta in three acts.

A small admission fee will be charged, and proceeds are to be used for the Home Economics Department.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

MERGER COMMENDED.
Kansas City, April 26.—Representatives of three Methodist churches, already working as one organization, were told in a letter from President Roosevelt tonight their unification program was "a harbinger of better things" to "a world distracted by malice, envy and ill will."

CONSCRIPTION APPROVED.
London, April 27.—Great Britain tonight released 1,500,000 men from their jobs to swell the armed forces and augment an annual peacetime conscription of 310,000 British youths which Parliament approved tonight by an overwhelming vote.

LINDBERGH FAMILY ARRIVES.
Englewood, N. J., April 28.—Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh and her two children, Jon and Amy, arrived at the Morrow estate today from France.

The wife of the fier, who is on a tour of the country for the army air service, arrived in New York aboard the French liner Champlain at 6 a. m. She, the children and a nurse were the first passengers off. They had an escort of 75 policemen.

WPA CHIEF'S MOTHER DIES.
Bristol, Va., April 29.—Mrs. Victoria Harrington, 79, mother of Col. Francis C. Harrington, United States works progress administrator, died today at her home here. Col. Harrington was with her.

N. Y. WORLD'S FAIR OPENS.
New York, April 30.—The New York World's Fair, bidding all-comers to try its lurch-string to the future, played today to an officially estimated crowd of 600,000 in the first eight hours—far short of the 1,000,000 expected on the inaugural day to peer into the symbolized "world of tomorrow."

ROPER GETS CANADIAN POST.
Washington, May 1.—Seventy-two-year-old Daniel Calhoun Roper, until recently secretary of commerce, was appointed today to be the new United States minister to Canada.

Soon after President Roosevelt sent the nomination to the Senate, Secretary Hull said every effort would be made to get Roper to Ottawa in time to be United States representative at the ceremonies attending the visit there of King George and Queen Elizabeth of England this month.

WANTS U.S. PEACE GUARDED.
Washington, May 2.—A demand that congress stay in session to guard the nation from being "eased" or "driven" into war was made in the senate today in reply to a move for June adjournment.

It came from Senator Johnson (R., Calif.), a veteran exponent of American isolation and a critic of administration foreign policy. He asserted that it was to congress that the people looked for protection against war.

Miss Rowena Woods, a Sullins College student, at Bristol

—Va.-Tenn., has been designated to serve as a princess in the court of "Queen Virginia III" at the fifth annual Dogwood Festival to be held in Bristol May 11-12. Miss Woods is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Woods, Pearisburg, Va., and a granddaughter of Mrs. James W. Hawthorne, Sparta.

Examples of the work of Alleghany County youths

—will be on display at the North Carolina Youth Craft Exhibit and Conference to be held in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, according to Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, NYA Supervisor for Alleghany.

The Conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Youth-Serving Agencies, will combine an extensive exhibit of handicraft achievements by youth of North Carolina with an open forum discussion program dealing with immediate problems facing young people of today.

John A. Long, State NYA Director, who is also president of the Council of Youth-Serving Agencies, reported to Mrs. Gambill that present plans indicate this conference will be highly successful in its efforts to give expression to the works and thoughts of Young Tar Heels.

A number of outstanding speakers of North Carolina and other states have accepted invitations to participate in the discussion forums which are to be conducted all-day Saturday, May 20. The exhibit of youth crafts, arts and works will be opened to the public beginning at one o'clock Friday afternoon and will be on display all through the following day. Among organizations which will participate in the Conference are the 4-H Clubs, the Future Farmers of America, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the National Youth Administration, the WPA Education and Employment Divisions, and the Junior (turn to page 5, please)

Healing a schism of 111 years—Two new bishops were consecrated Sunday at the Uniting Conference

—in Kansas City, in a simple ceremony. The two men consecrated are from the former Methodist Protestant Church, which split from the main church body in 1828. Bishop James H. Straughn, of Baltimore, president of the general conference of the Protestant branch, and Bishop John Calvin Broomfield, of Fairmont, W. Va., a former president, were consecrated in a service before 8,000 persons at the Municipal Auditorium.

The bishops-elect and consecrating bishops were cloaked in black academic gowns as they stood before a lighted cross and rows of other church bishops.

White- and red-robed Boston University singers led a processional into the auditorium. Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, of Pittsburgh, in the consecration sermon, said "the kingdom of God is not for the purpose of giving power to man, but rather for him who serves best."

"There is nothing greater a bishop can do than reveal in his own life that he is humbly trying to follow Christ."

Admiring the new, united church not to be concerned simply with the number of members, Bishop Leonard observed: "What Methodism needs today is not more machinery, but the roar of power to stand alone—if need be—at the crossroads of the world for Christ."

Consecrators for the ceremony were Bishops Edwin H. Hughes, of Washington; John M. Moore, of Dallas; Paul B. Kern, of Nashville; and H. Lester Smith, of Cincinnati.

A Board of Temperance with offices in Washington was established Tuesday to carry on a fight on alcoholic liquors, narcotics, (turn to page six, please)

A jury of Surry County men found Glenn Maxwell

—(colored) guilty of first degree murder in the retrial of the Negro here in Alleghany Superior Court for the alleged murder of Charles Shepherd in April, 1938. The verdict was reached yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, and Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, presiding over the Spring term of court here, set Friday, July 7, as the execution date. According to the jury's verdict, Maxwell must die in the state lethal gas chamber in Central Prison, Raleigh.

The jury deliberated for about one and one-half hours before reaching the verdict.

The Negro was tried here last year and sentenced to die in the state gas chamber, but an appeal to the State Supreme Court by his attorneys resulted in a new trial, which was held this week, with a venire of Surry County citizens being summoned for service in the case.

Coy Collins, who was charged with drunken driving and manslaughter, pleaded guilty to the charge of drunken driving, and was sentenced to serve 60 days on the roads, the sentence to begin in October. The manslaughter charge was nolle prossed.

"Hi Yo Silver!" angered a New York state trooper

—in Saratoga County Tuesday. When the call came to his ears, Trooper Frank Fitzgerald, astride a horse, reined to a halt, pointing a stern finger at Frank Degregory, 16. Fitzgerald brought him before City Judge Anthony J. Labelle, charging breach of the peace.

In his complaint Fitzgerald said Degregory "did address complainant by the name of 'Hi Yo Silver' in a degrading manner to both the trooper and the uniform insofar as his capacity as a police officer was concerned." Degregory posted \$100 bail for appearance Friday.

Preparations for the Firemen's annual Carnival at Galax are

—being rapidly formulated and it is hoped that a program for the week can soon be issued in the newspapers, according to information given out by those who are actively in charge of the event.

The Crystal Exposition Shows, with "the Cleanest Midway on Earth," will furnish the rides and shows, as well as the concessions.

The Free Acts have already been booked and at the present time are with the show in Forest City, N. C. Last year the firemen were greatly disappointed in the free acts, due to an accident to Capt. Frank Cushing, near Eckman, W. Va., which prevented him from fulfilling his engagement there.

It is said that the firemen are making plans for a larger and more beautiful parade this year, which will be led by some musical group, yet to be engaged. Last year the Pulaski Firemen's 45-piece Band was engaged.

Plans are under way to take care of the 100 members of the Boy Scout organization in Grayson and Carroll counties.

As to the decorating of the streets of Galax this year, this matter has not been settled yet, according to program officials, who are waiting to get the opinion of the business firms of the town.