

Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

TWO DIE FIGHTING HUGE FOREST FIRES

Fires, some of which were still out of control at nightfall, blackened thousands of acres of woodland in six states Monday, destroyed scores of homes and caused two deaths and injuries to many.

In forests made tinder-dry by a two-week warm spell, 145 fires raged in West Virginia, 45 swept New Jersey and numerous others were reported in New York, Massachusetts, Maryland and Virginia.

One firefighter died in West Virginia, either burned to death or killed by a falling tree, and one man died of a heart attack while defending his home near Lakewood, in the Jersey pine belt where one of the day's worst fires threatened the resort town's business and residential sections before it was checked. Lakewood has a population of 8,500.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF N. C. MET SATURDAY

Winston-Salem.—Fifth district Young Democrats hitched their wagon Saturday night to a team of three party wheelhorses, Richard J. Reynolds, treasurer of the Democratic committee, E. B. Denny, state Democratic chairman, and Representative Lon Folger and watched it roll merrily across the political firmament, into the magnitude of a state convention itself.

Ralph Gardner, president of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina, whose executive committee was here making extensive plans for other rallies to be held in the state during the next two months, called this district rally the greatest of any of the 87 which his administration has sponsored.

READJUSTMENTS BEING MADE IN BALKANS NOW

Berlin.—With the Greek war entering what the Germans called the final phase, thoughts turned here Monday for the moment to political readjustments of the Balkans.

Official and authorized quarters remained silent but reports persisted that there would be a "conference of victors" almost immediately to shape the broad outlines of the axis' new order in the southeast.

Vienna reported—but it could not be verified—that King Boris, of Bulgaria, had arrived there.

There also were reports that Italian leaders were on the way.

GREEK PREMIER DIED

It was announced this week that R. H. Koozts, manager of the Central Service Station would now offer General tires for sale.

The Central Service Station which, as its name suggests, is centrally located here in the center of town also handles Texaco gas and oil.

Mr. Koozts said that he was glad to be able to offer General tires to the motoring public. In

CANADIANS SEARCHING FOR ESCAPED GERMANS

Port Arthur, Ont.—Soldiers, mounties, and the hardy Finns of the Lake Superior bush country hunted Sunday for the remainder of 28 Nazi air raiders who tunneled out of their internment camp Friday midnight in a break believed timed to coincide with the Hitler birthday week end.

Nine of the prisoners, most of them noncommissioned air officers captured during raids on London, were rounded up yesterday amid the tangle of evergreens and rocks about the Northwestern Ontario camp.

DEFENSE INDUSTRIES ARE WELL ADVANCED

Washington.—The federal reserve board said yesterday the defense program pushed industrial production to a new high in March.

In the first half of April however, the board said, industrial activity "declined somewhat owing to temporary reductions in output of bituminous coal and automobiles." Strikes occurred in both these industries.

CONNIE BENNETT AND G. ROLAND MARRIED

Yuma, Ariz.—Constance Bennett, member of the famous stage and screen family, and Gilbert Roland film actor, were married here Sunday by Rev. J. C. Bobb, retired Presbyterian pastor.

It was the first marriage for the actor, whose true name is Luis Damasco Alonzo, and the fourth for Miss Bennett. Both are 35. She was born in New York, the daughter of actor Richard Bennett, and the sister of John Bennett and Barbara Bennett (Morton) Downey.

HITLER CELEBRATED HIS 52ND BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Berlin.—Adolf Hitler celebrated his 52nd birthday Sunday in a flower and bower festooned railway dining car surrounded by his military leaders somewhere on the Balkan front behind his victoriously advancing troops.

The fuhrer spent part of his celebration, described as marked by soldiery simplicity, poring over military maps and receiving felicitations of his army, navy and air force chieftains. Radio announcers at the scene said he responded to each of the greetings with a word of thanks and a handshake.

The United States exported foodstuffs valued at \$15,949,000 during February of this year, representing a decrease of 50 per cent from the same month of last year, reports the Department of Commerce.

order to introduce General tires Mr. Koozts pointed out that he was now featuring a big trade-in sale.

U. S. War Aids



Recommendations of Sec. of War Stimson have been approved by the President for the promotion of John J. McCoy (seated) to ass't. sec. of war and for Robert A. Lovett (standing) to ass't. sec. of war for air.

Edwards C'roads

By MRS. LENA GENTRY (Staff Correspondent)

The last report from Lee A. Andrews, who has been seriously ill in a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital, is that he is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Duncan visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gentry, Sunday and also heard the baccalaureate sermon at Glade Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Darsey Cox and baby son are visiting relatives and friends here for several days. The community enjoyed a number of good songs and a general get-together friends of neighbors at Vox school house last Sunday night.

Dean F. Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Duncan, of Charlotte, was in a car wreck three weeks ago and has been in hospital since, but is improving and is hoping to leave the hospital in another week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crouse, Mrs. Felix Hinchey, Walter and Quincy Higgins, of Edwards Crossroads, visited Howard Higgins at Trap Hill last Sunday afternoon, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Carl E. Cox, of Galax, is spending a few days this week with Mrs. Gentry.

Topia News

By MRS. D. M. PUGH (Staff Correspondent)

Rev. and Mrs. Ferree, of Nathan's Creek, visited friends in this community Monday.

Mr. Paul Fields, who has been ill some time, is recovering.

Mrs. Cora Pugh is visiting with her nephew, Blake Hampton, this week.

Mrs. Mary DeBord visited Mrs. Flora Moxley last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh, of Mt. Zion, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie Smith and daughter, Edna Rae, of Piney Creek, were in this community on business this week. They also were dinner guests of Mrs. Della Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Caudill visited Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pugh recently. Mr. Pugh is recovering from an illness.

Misses Vesta and Velma Pugh, of Lenoir, spent the week-end at home, where Velma will remain for some time.

Miss Bytha Sturgill, of Piney Creek, visited Miss Rena Fitzgerald last Saturday.

Preaching services will be conducted at Rocky Ridge Presbyterian church on May 4, at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. L. Berry, of Sparta. An additional elder and deacon will be elected for the church. Everyone is urged to attend.

FEDERAL PROGRAM WILL RAISE PRICES ON EGGS

A nation-wide drive to produce every possible egg from present poultry laying flocks should interest North Carolina farm people, says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. The U. S. Department of Agriculture will make purchases of poultry products in connection with the Defense Program in such a way as to support prices of eggs at a level of 22 cents per dozen, on a Chicago basis.

"This does not mean," Dean Schaub stated, "that all North Carolina farmers will receive 22 cents per dozen for their eggs. In the first place, farm prices of eggs are lower than prices quoted on the Chicago market; transpor-

Today AND Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockridge

PEDESTRIANS . . . victims

One ironic thing about traffic deaths is that the largest proportion of victims are people who are not driving cars. Almost 40 per cent of those killed are pedestrians who are just unfortunate victims of a condition in which they have no part.

The greatest number of deaths among pedestrians is caused by walking on highways in rural areas. Although that is responsible for only 4 per cent of pedestrian accidents, it accounts for 18 per cent of pedestrian deaths—for the great proportion of people hit on highways by speeding automobiles are killed instantly.

The greatest cause of pedestrian accidents is from crossing streets between intersections. The next biggest casualty list comes from crossing busy streets which do not have traffic signals and then comes a large number of accidents to children playing in the streets. Almost a thousand children are killed and almost 40,000 injured per year.

PREVENTION . . . regulations

Experts believe that accidents are preventable because causes of all accidents are known. The only thing that needs to be done is to eliminate the causes, which is difficult, but not impossible.

They know, for instance, that the greatest number of accidents—about 37 per cent—are caused by automobiles being driven at excessive speed. There are two possible answers to that one: (1) Stop speeding by more stringent law enforcement, or (2) remake highways and intersections so that speed will no longer be dangerous. The right answer probably is to attempt to approach both objectives.

Disobeying traffic regulations, other than speed laws, is the second greatest cause of accidents, the majority resulting from ignoring the right of way. The answers to that are many—but include more thorough tests to get licenses, better regulatory signs, better enforcement of present laws and, where necessary, more regulations.

Of the total accidents in a year, over 40 per cent occur on Saturday or Sunday. This makes it clear that traffic regulations which are ample on week-days need to be reinforced on week ends.

tation problems enter into the picture. Also, the prices throughout the country will vary according to seasonal variations, and according to grade.

"But it does mean," the Extension leader continued, "that farm prices of eggs will increase. Perhaps not immediately, but certainly by fall. For this reason, North Carolina farm people should keep their poultry houses filled to capacity where they have homegrown feed to spare."

Independence News

By Miss Euna Bedwell
Miss Zoe Gentry, of Richlands, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gentry.

Mrs. Emma Smith, of Roaring Gap, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Etta Bedwell last Sunday. Mrs. Robert L. Kirby, Mrs. E. Scott Elliott and Miss Elizabeth Cox were shopping in Roanoke Saturday. Mrs. Elliott remained in Roanoke to be with her husband, Dr. E. Scott Elliott, who is a patient in the Jefferson hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Brannock were guests of Mrs. Brannock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Combs, of State Roads, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Tom Vaughn has accepted a position in the Carlan Drug store, Independence.

Mrs. J. C. Padgett has returned to her home here from Roanoke where she was a patient in the Jefferson hospital for several days.

James Barbery was a week-end visitor to Athens, West Virginia.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Phipps and Mrs. Winton C. Phipps were in Roanoke the last of the week to be with their father, Dr. Glenn

Phipps, of Galax, who is ill in the Jefferson hospital. Dr. Phipps is improving at this time.

Miss Maye Cox, of Flat Rock, spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Etta Bedwell.

Miss Pearl Copen, who recently accepted a position with the FSA and is located at Blacksburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Copen. Rev. Z. F. Mayberry, of West Virginia, and Rev. L. D. Mayberry, of Greenville, Tenn., were here last week to attend the funeral of Mr. William Ward at the Saddle Creek church. Both of the Rev. Mayberrys are former pastors of the Independence church.

Mrs. James Poole was taken to the Jefferson hospital, of Roanoke, Monday for a medical examination.

Miss Elizabeth Bryant left last week for Valdese, where she has accepted in a bank at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Mayberry were visitors in Dublin and Roanoke Saturday.

Mr. A. V. Allen, county agent, left last week for Fort Monroe to enter the army. From that place he will be sent to Fort Bragg, where he will be stationed.

Molds and bacteria which attack foods levy a toll estimated at more than \$100,000,000 a year, indicating a need for improved packaging and refrigeration to reduce this huge annual loss.

Prices of lard during the coming year probably will be strengthened by government purchases under the recently announced program for support and stabilization of hog prices.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS
APRIL 4th, 1941

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vaults and due from banks \$ 970,306.05	Capital Stock (common) \$205,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds \$273,973.19	Surplus 120,000.00
N. C. State Bonds 255,531.98	Undivided Profits 140,245.12
County and Municipal Bonds 579,919.99	Reserve for contingencies 7,500.00 472,745.12
Other stocks and bonds 7,590.00	
Accrued interest on bonds 11,530.18 1,128,545.34	
Loans and discounts 3,154,136.20	Unearned interest 30,899.74
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures (9 banking houses) \$110,286.60	Reserve for taxes, other expenses and accrued interest due depositors 30,611.32
Less reserve for depreciation 25,963.57 84,323.03	Other liabilities 4,015.28
Other real estate owned 5,887.65	DEPOSITS \$4,815,132.91
Other Resources 10,206.10	
TOTAL \$5,353,404.37	TOTAL \$5,353,404.37

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