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—National News— —State News—

WASHINGTON, April 24. The army swung today into a drive to double its actual fighting strength.

As the first move in the program — which congress has authorized in a bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the purpose—the war department announced that the enlistment of 31,700 men from 18 to 35 years will begin July 1.

The announcement came as the nation's legislators, told by a house leader that war clouds are "hanging over Europe," gave attention to two bills to spend \$570,000,000 on other parts of the country's fighting machine — the navy and air bases.

Washington, April 24. The cotton processing tax appeared headed today for a Supreme Court test as the congressional controversy over the levy showed increasing signs of developing into a sectional issue between the New England textile bloc and southern agricultural representatives.

Massachusetts Republicans assailed yesterday on the floor of the house by Representative Warren, D. N. C., for their attack on the levy were expected to seek recognition today to make their replies. Warren said the fight was a drive against the agricultural administration.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Roosevelt today assigned a vast scope of work relief projects to more than 60 existing government agencies and organized three new government units in addition.

He named Rexford G. Tugwell, undersecretary of agriculture to head one of the three new agencies — an organization for rural re-settlement.

He set up also a new unit for grade crossing eliminations under the bureau of roads and the department of agriculture and created a third division to take charge of rural electrification.

NEW YORK, April 24.—National advertisers paid \$163,000,000 for newspaper space and \$349,955,000 for all mediums in 1934, the bureau of advertising reported today to the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

The estimates indicate distinct gains over 1933 advertising expenditures more than recovering the losses of that year to place 1934 slightly ahead of 1932.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24. William W. Atterbury today retired as president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was succeeded by Martin W. Clement, vice-president.

MRS. E. J. WHITESIDES PASSES AWAY

Mrs. E. J. Whitesides passed away at her home on King street last Friday, following an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Boyce, pastor Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment made in the cemetery at Bethany, church in South Carolina.

The pall-bearers were the following grandsons of the deceased: Fred Gault, Milstead, Gr.; Eugene Poplin, Gastonia, N. C.; Coley Whitesides, Lexington, S. C.; William Whitesides, Clover; Elmer and Paul Whitesides, Filbert, N. C.

The flower-bearers were the grand daughters.

Mrs. Whitesides was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Thomas, member of prominent family of York county, S. C. She was a sister of the late Butler Thomason who lived in Kings Mountain for a number of years.

She was in earlier years a member of Beersheba Presbyterian church, York county, but later connected with the Presbyterian church of York after moving there. Since coming to Kings Mountain to reside several years ago she has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian

RALEIGH, April 23.—Governor Ehringhaus said today he and other state officials "are studying" the draft of a contract submitted by the federal PWA to be signed by officials and directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad to guarantee repayment of a loan of close to \$400,000 for port development at Morehead city.

RALEIGH, April 23.—Three prison trustees, including Bill Sawyer who was serving a 25 to 30 year sentence for murder in Durham county, escaped from the state convict farm at Cary late yesterday while working without guards.

Central prison officials said Sawyer and Jonas Cockrell, sent to prison from Nash county, got away while working in a field and Jimmy Brinson, sent in from Onslow county, walked off from his chores at the farm here.

RALEIGH, April 24.—Conferees on the biennial revenue bill today appeared to be making progress towards getting the house and senate tax-raising measures together and members of the committee expressed hope they could make a report tomorrow.

LUMBERTON, April 24.—Myron Winslip of Buffalo, N. Y., who was shot Sunday night at the home of an Indian woman at Pembroke, remained in a serious condition at a hospital here today as officers sought details of the affair.

SALISBURY, April 23.—Walter, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Carter who lived near China Grove, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when he ran in front of an automobile about four miles north of China Grove. The fatal accident was deemed to have been unavoidable, and Irvin White of High Point, driver of the car, was released.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

After Recorder's Court yesterday, Deputy Sheriff Charlie Sheppard, said, "Judge Weathers, wait just a minute, I want your advice on a matter". Deputy Sheppard retired from the room and returned with two of the shabbiest dressed and dirtiest little boys of about 13 years of age.

"Now, tell the judge what you told me", he said to the boys. The smallest one of the two started to talk but could not because tears started flowing down his dirty face and he began to cry. His first audible words were, "He treats me like a dog." Who?, he was asked. "My father," he replied. What does he do to you?, he was asked further. "He beats me all the time with a big stick."

With a new stream of tears coming he said, "All my daddy does is lay around and drink."

Some one asked, "What about your mother?" "My mother is dead," was the answer.

Charlie Sheppard said, "Judge this is what the boys have told me and I have reason to believe they are about right. Now, I want to know what to do. The boys have told me that they have found a farmer up near Grover that has offered them a home if they will help him on the farm."

After discussing it with several in the court room and the solicitor, it was decided to send the boys to the man on the farm, and if the father of the boys try to mistreat them again, to swear out warrant for him.

EASTER BUSINESS AT HIGH PEAK MERCHANTS SAY

Threatening Weather Keeps Number Inside With Their New Bonnets

Easter was observed Sunday in all churches of the city with sermons on the immortal life, cantatas, pageants, carols and special services. In all churches of the city a beautiful variety of Spring flowers had been arranged especially for commemoration of the day of the Resurrection and a conspicuous increase in the number who attended was noted at all places of worship. Although rainy weather came tearing in on Easter day merchants in Kings Mountain reported much activity Saturday as folks rushed in and finished up their week end shopping.

General sales, particularly clothes and Easter knick-knacks went soaring far above average, several merchants reported. The usual Saturday rush plus a considerable holiday trade left merchants happy and kept clerks everywhere in a rush all Saturday.

POPPY SALE MAY 25TH

Saturday, May 25th, will be Poppy Day in Kings Mountain. On that day the women of Otis Green Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute little red poppies on the streets to be worn in honor of the World War dead. The observance here will be part of the annual nation-wide observance of Poppy Day, during which millions of Americans will pay tribute to the memory of the war dead by wearing memorial poppies.

Poppy Day activities here will be directed by a committee from the Auxiliary headed by Mrs. J. E. Garcia, chairman. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Pride Ratterree, Mrs. Paul Mauney, Mrs. A. L. Moore. A large corps of volunteer workers will be organized to carry out the distribution of the flowers.

The poppies which will be worn here have been ordered from the Oteen Hospital, near Asheville, N. C., where they have been made by disabled World War veterans. The poppy making has provided employment for needy veterans through the winter and spring months, enabling them to help support themselves and families. Public response on Poppy Day will determine how soon and how extensively this work can be re-opened.

In exchange for the poppies, the Auxiliary women will ask each person to make a contribution for the welfare of the war's living victims, the disabled veterans, the widows and the fatherless children of veterans. This money will be used entirely in the welfare of the Legion and Auxiliary, the bulk of it in the work of the local Post and Unit.

RECORDER'S COURT HELD HERE

Bud Smyre was found guilty of public drunkenness and fined \$1.00 and cost.

Jack Helms was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly.

C. D. Hardin was found not guilty of being drunk and disorderly.

Jake Runyan, charged with violation of prohibition law bound over on this charge.

Fred MacTee charged with operating a car in a reckless manner. Case was continued.

Neal Hall possessing liquor was found guilty and was sentenced to two months on the roads; judgment suspended upon payment of \$10.00 fine and cost.

J. S. P. Carpenter charged with violating the Motor Vehicle Laws was found guilty, and judgment was continued. An appeal was taken to higher court.

75 LEGIONNAIRES GREET COMMANDER HEAR BRIEF SPEECH

PAUSES HERE ON TOUR OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Belgrano Says "No Compromise" On Bonus and In Talk to Kings Mountain Veterans.

75 or more members of the American Legion Auxiliary and citizens Sunday morning met National Commander Frank L. Belgrano of the American Legion and heard him make a brief talk at the Woman's Club Building.

The national commander, accompanied by Mrs. Belgrano, State Commander Hubert E. Olive, and State Adjutant Jim Caldwell, arrived in Kings Mountain at 10:30 o'clock.

The National Commander was welcomed by W. W. Souther, Post Commander, and Mayor J. E. Herndon. Commander Souther presented National Commander Belgrano with a plaid of the Kings Mountain Battlefield. Mr. Paul Mauney presented Mrs. Belgrano with a beautiful bedspread made by the Margrace Mill.

In a brief talk, Belgrano stated that the legion is proposing to make no compromise on the bonus fight; that the organization takes the position that the money is due ex-service men; they are asking for what is justly theirs and that no compromise is in order.

In thanking the group he stated that while he was sorry to come to Kings Mountain at such an inconvenient time he thought Easter an excellent time for members of the legion to gather for the legion is the greatest force for peace in the country for peace, those who really know war being always those opposed to it.

EXCELLENT IMPRESSION

Belgrano made an excellent impression on those who met him. He shook hands with all present. His remarks, made in entirely informal manner, was impressive without being oratorical.

Preceded by two state motorcycle patrolmen the party left Kings Mountain at 11:00 en route to Shelby.

Of Italian parentage, born in San Francisco, he is of medium height, fairly heavy, and gives the appearance of having plenty of driving force in his make-up.

His visit was the first ever made to Kings Mountain by national commander of the legion.

BOY SCOUTS LEAVE FOR CHAPEL HILL

(By Rhette Chalk)

A Patrol of Scouts made up of the various troops in Kings Mountain left this week to attend the Silver Jubilee Celebration which is being held at Chapel Hill, April 25 to 28.

The program opens this afternoon and closes early Sunday morning after a great open-air church service. During the period great fellow-ship camp-fires will be held and a gigantic pageant will be held Saturday night at the Kenan Stadium.

Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout Executive and Governor Ehringhaus will make short addresses. The entire program is one which will inspire the boys who take part with the true value of good citizenship.

This celebration offers one of the greatest opportunities and one of the best educational programs which has ever come to the scouts. More than 1,000 scouts from all over the state will attend.

The patrol from Kings Mountain will be under the leadership of Rhette Chalk, assistant Scoutmaster Troop 2. Those going from Kings Mountain are Scouts: George Mauney, E. W. Neal, Jr., Dick Baker, Charles Campbell, Charles Thomas, J. D. Jones, John Styers, Ben Long, Ned McGill, Billy Fulton, Buren Neill and Drace Peeler.

Kings Mountain National Military Park

(By J. H. Davis)

In the early days of our country, this land was known as the Primeval Forest. The hills, the valleys, and the mountains were covered with tall timbers such as the oak, the pine and poplar, and in this forest the wild game of all kinds were in abundance; but it has been the policy of our good people during the last fifty years to destroy the forest, and as a result of this policy, today our timber has become scarce, the wild game has vanished. Our land is washing away, and our climate is changing. We are liable to be visited with the terrible drought, which came to the West last summer, most any time. We now realize the mistakes of the past.

Under the leadership of our new President and the New Deal, it is the policy of the present administration to try to restore our country, partially, to its former pristine purity and bring back to our land the old primeval forest with its deer, fox and other wild game so that man might again live close to nature and enjoy life. In every state in the Union sub-marginal land is being taken over by the Government for the purpose of reforestation, building parks with lakes and stocking them with game, and to stop soil erosion. The northern states have far outstripped the southern states in this respect. Only a few such projects are on foot in North Carolina. In most instances the sub-marginal land is being donated to the Government for the purpose of reforestation, and is restoration to its former condition, but in some instances the Government is buying up the sub-marginal land for National Parks.

The new policy of the present administration towards parks, reforestation, soil erosion and such like has made it possible for the Kings Mountain Military Park. This entire section has been looking forward to, and looking for, a military park at Kings Mountain Battlefield for the last 25 or 50 years. In 1933, Congress authorized the establishment of a military park with an expenditure of \$225,000, but upon investigation, it was found by the War Department that this was insufficient to purchase the land and establish the park. The plan then fell upon was for the Department of Interior to buy up several thousand acres of this mountain land, classing it as sub-marginal land for the purpose of reforestation and the establishment of a recreational and national park. The government has secured options on 12,000 acres

of this mountain land at an average price of around \$15.00 per acre, and it is proposed to turn over to the Government for a military park 2,700 acres, which, of course, includes the battlefield, and this 2,700 acres is to be developed into the National Military Park. I am told that roads will be built, fences surrounding the park, keeper's home, a museum costing \$25,000.00, markers erected, and such other things necessary for a permanent military park. Adjacent to the Military Park, will be a little over 3,000 acres for a recreational park. A CCC camp will be established here, and this land will be reforested, soil erosion stopped, lakes built and a game preserve set up.

Some possibly would like to know just how much this will benefit this section. At the present time it is impossible to estimate the benefits which will come to this section in the future. Of course, spending around \$500,000.00 will benefit this section immediately in a financial way. In the first place, it will help the people who own real estate in this section by increasing the value of real estate, because the majority of these people who sell to the Government will be interested in buying at other places. Then it will create jobs for lots of the people, and the merchants, and people throughout this section will benefit by the expenditure of all this money through the CCC camps, and through building these roads and other projects, but the biggest benefit to this section will come in the future. Many of the tourists coming South naturally will be interested in stopping at the battlefield, and tourists always spend money freely. Hotels and cafes and other public places, of course, will be benefitted. Naturally the people who come to the Great Smokey Mountains, many of them, will continue on to the Kings Mountain Battlefield. Many of they who are attracted this way by our parks and places of interest might decide to remain with us, who in turn will help to build up this section of our country. But the greatest pleasure that will come to this section from the recreational and National Park will be in the fact that our tired industrial section will have a place to go where they can come in close contact with Mother Nature, and with all the pristine purity of the former days, and where the people might rest and commune with Mother Nature and with the Maker of all things.

BETH WARE SCHOOL FINALS

The commencement program for Beth-Ware School is as follows: Friday at 2 p. m. Grammar Grade Reading contest.

Sunday at 3 p. m. Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. G. Sargeant of First Baptist church of Kings Mountain at El Bethel church.

Monday, 29, at 10 a. m. Girls Reading contest for P. T. Association medal.

Tuesday, 30, at 8 p. m. Graduating exercises. Address by Mr. Newton of Shelby, at El Bethel church.

PATTERSON GROVE FINALS FRIDAY

The finals at Patterson Grove School will be held Friday evening with appropriate exercises and plays by the pupils.

Special features will be skits by black faced comedians and music by Margrace orchestra.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Through STATE CAPITOL KEYHOLES

(By Bess Hinton Silver)

STRATEGY — The boys around Raleigh who keep busy trying to figure out what is going to happen in the gubernatorial campaign have been analyzing the latest statement of Congressman R. L. Doughon that he will make another statement next Tuesday and tell the world if he is going to be a candidate. Some of the dopesters figure his statement was a trial balloon aimed at measuring his strength in this State. They express the opinion that the reaction to his last statement will be a big factor in determining the nature of his announcement on April.

NO DOUBT — While Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham has made no formal announcement of his candidacy he does not deny that he has already decided to enter the contest for Governor. A lot of folks are inviting Mr. Graham to make speeches these days and it looks like he is making an effort to accommodate all comers. Of course, a man holding a legislative office is handicapped in running a campaign but you can watch the Graham smoke after the General Assembly adjourns.

HOPEFUL — Friends of Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby Democratic leader, are hopeful that he will continue of a mind to enter the race for Governor. From the Cleveland metropolis comes word one week that Mr. Hoey considers word one week that Mr. Hoey considers

The Candidates For City Election Are Announcing

W. F. Logan announced just before press time that he would be a candidate for Town commissioner.

Three new candidates announced this week for the office of Town Commissioner. The present board of five commissioners announced for re-election. Two candidates announced last week, one announced for

mayor and one for town commissioner. This makes a total of thirteen candidates out for the coming City Election to be held Tuesday, May 7th. Some say 13 is a lucky number while others say it is unlucky. May 7th will tell for these candidates.

The three new candidates out for town commissioner are: George

Cansler, J. W. Blalock and a Mr. Brackett, with Clarence P. Goforth a new candidate having announced last week.

The members of the old board who are announcing for re-election are: Joe Neisler, R. C. Gold, Jim Willis, J. B. Mauney and H. T. Fulton.

J. E. Herndon announced last week that he would be a candidate

for re-election to the office of Mayor. Two members for the board of trustees of the Kings Mountain Graded School District are to be elected. Three candidates have announced for these places. Two new candidates, A. H. Cornwell and O. T. Hayes have announced, and Mr. H. H. Houston has announced for re-election.

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