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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., March 1.—(NWNS)—“The thing that amazes me most about Washington,” said a prominent member of the government, “is that in spite of all the fights, the confusion, the waste, the fast-changing regulations and the many changes in personnel, we still seem to be getting things done.”

That statement expresses a general attitude in Washington. Practically everyone here is extremely conscious of the many muddled and complicated situations, but they are optimistic in the belief that we can accomplish more, in spite of muddling, than other nations can accomplish no matter how efficiently their war program is managed.

The most dangerous fight, of the many pitched battles going on in Washington, is that between the army-navy leaders against the War Production board. As it stands now the WPB has the upper hand in that it has been given power by the President to direct the scheduling of munitions output—a function which the war and navy departments are convinced should be given to them. This fight has reached the point, said one military official, where chairman Nelson of WPB will either be forced to quit or the undersecretaries of war and navy will resign.

Mr. Nelson, however, has indicated that he has no intention of quitting nor of giving in to the army and navy—and he has strengthened the power of WPB by giving Charles Wilson, his executive vice chairman, practically the same powers as he wields himself.

The army and navy are also battling with congress over the selective service. Congress feels

strongly that there is no need to draft fathers until all other available men have been drafted, and it favors legislation to provide that no fathers in a state shall be called until all unmarried men under 38 as well as those without children are taken.

There is also another battle regarding selective service being waged by the farm bloc which is pressing for legislation to provide that no more farm boys be drafted until next January and that farmers now in the army be released during the farming season. Because of the critical shortage of labor in farm areas, the congressmen from farm states believe such a regulation is imperative and they also want the Manpower commission to rule that men cannot leave the farms to go into war industries without approval of their local draft board.

Action by both houses of the new session of congress makes it apparent that the members intend to get the legislative body back in the driver's seat of government and will no longer simply be “yes men” for the President. The most obvious example of this so far is congressional action to get rid of the \$25,000 limitation on income which went beyond his constitutional powers in issuing this order in the first place and they feel that, even if a curb on large incomes is to be continued, it should be as a result of congressional action.

It is expected that the greatest test of power, as between the President and congress, will come when legislation is considered to curb labor unions, to prevent strikes and slowdowns and to freeze labor's wages. This is admittedly a touchy subject which



Symbolic of the role the Red Cross is again playing, the 1943 Red Cross War Fund poster depicts the organization as a mother ministering to the needs of the men of the United States armed forces and the victims of war throughout the world. The poster is an appeal to all men and women for contributions to the War Fund. Lawrence Wilbur, noted illustrator, designed the poster. Helen Mueller is the model.

Red Cross Needs \$125,000,000 To Finance Wartime Program

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Faced with the greatest wartime program in history, the American Red Cross will launch its 1943 War Fund appeal for \$125,000,000 on March 1, Chairman Norman H. Davis has announced.

Pointing out that the bulk of the fund will be used to expand Red Cross services to the men of the armed forces and their families, Chairman Davis urged every American man and woman to contribute to the fund.

With the approval of President Roosevelt, who also is President of the American Red Cross, the month of March is being observed as Red Cross Month. Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, is chairman of the Red Cross 1943 War Fund.

“Red Cross services to our armed forces and to the needs of distressed civilians on the battle and home fronts can be supplied only by great expenditures and sacrifices,” Chairman Davis said. “We are exerting our utmost efforts to accomplish these tasks with the least possible drain upon the resources of the people in funds, time and energy. We must never falter in our determination to meet these definite obligations. The Red Cross is con-

fident that all our people will be generous in their support of the 1943 War Fund.”

More than 65 percent of the fund received by the national organization will be devoted to meeting Red Cross responsibilities to the armed forces. These include the Red Cross overseas club program, recreation and hospital program, the stationing of field directors at all foreign and domestic military camps and bases, the huge surgical dressing production program, and the blood plasma project which recently was expanded to a total of 4,000,000 pints at the request of the Army and Navy.

Chairman Davis pointed out that the 1943 program will be vastly greater than the accomplishments of last year, in which the Red Cross aided millions of war victims through its foreign war relief program; gave aid to thousands of prisoners of war; collected 1,500,000 pints of blood for the armed forces; produced 520,000,000 surgical dressings, and aided more than 1,500,000 servicemen and their families.

The \$125,000,000 quota, he said, will finance the local, national and international work of the Red Cross for the entire year, barring unforeseen emergencies.

may be avoided temporarily, but it is apparent that the present congress is in no mood to make any further concessions to labor and, as soon as any new difficulties flare up, a flood of labor regulation measures are apt to be introduced.

“You Can't Plow Up Cotton In 1943 To Correct Acreage”

Dear Producer:
Due to the extreme shortage in labor, fertilizer, and machinery, too excessive acreage of cotton may be planted to be plowed up after after checked by reporters. If you want the acreages in your fields, call by the AAA office and this information will be furnished.

DON'T FORGET!! You can't PLOW UP cotton this year. If you overplant, you will be subject to COTTON QUOTA PENALTIES.

H. M. Freeland,
Chairman, McCormick County A. C. A.

Buffalo Grange To Meet Monday Night

The Buffalo Grange will meet Monday night, March 8th, at 8 o'clock at the Buffalo School House.

Junior G. A.'s And Intermediates Meet

The Junior G. A. and Intermediates held a special meeting March 2, at the home of Mrs. H. G. Sanders. This is in observance of the Week of Prayer throughout the southland. These meetings are special programs and prayer for the work and growth of Home Missions in our country.

An interesting program was given. Those taking part were Mrs. W. M. Talbert, devotional; Connie McAbee, Rebecca Simpson, Ann Sanders, Bertha Mae Harris, Virginia Seigler, Sara Ruth Brown, and Jacqueline Bonnette gave interesting facts about Home Mission Work. The leaders led in special prayer.

Every one enjoyed the refreshments served by Ann and Mrs. Sanders.

W. M. U. Observing Week Of Prayer

The W. M. U. of the Baptist Church is observing a special season of prayer for Home Missions this week.

Monday afternoon the W. M. U. met with Mrs. L. K. Simpson. Wednesday afternoon the Ann Watson Circle met with Mrs. James Keown. Mrs. T. J. Sibert, Sr., and Mrs. Louise Nelson were assistant hostesses.

The Neal Young Circle met at the home of Mrs. G. C. Patterson with Mrs. N. G. Rankin and Mrs. Edgar Price assisting.

The last meeting of the week will be at Mrs. C. H. Huguley's Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend this service.

Outlook Meeting For 1943

The County-wide Outlook meeting in the McCormick County court house February 15, 1943, called by the county agent, was well attended, even though the thermometer was below freezing point.

Over one hundred farmers gathered on this occasion to hear our District Farm Agent, A. H. Ward, discuss the part that farmers are and will play in winning the war. He gave very timely advice and well developed conclusions about what may be expected in 1943. H. A. Woodlee, State agronomist, gave timely information on fertilizer and fertilizer materials. He discussed labor shortages and farm machinery problems, giving the most logical means of carrying on under prevailing circumstances.

The agent, acting as chairman, of the meeting called on Miss Bessie Harper, District H. D. Agent, to deliver the certificates for those families meeting the requirements set up in the “75 per cent Food and Feed Production Program.” Miss Harper talked a few minutes on the program as of last year and what our part is in winning the war.

Miss Matilda Bell, County H. D. Agent, gave a short history of the “75 per cent Food and Feed Production Program.” It was brought out that in the last three years the number of “Certificates” had increased from 18 in 1940 to 74 in 1943.

The county agent stressed the importance of a “Live at Home” program, a Victory garden, and Certificate for every family in the county in 1943.

After expressing thanks and appreciation to the visiting speaker, the meeting was adjourned.

Come To The AAA Office And Insure 1943 Cotton Crop

The AAA Office is now ready to explain, and also take applications for cotton crop insurance for 1943.

Myrtle Ruth Deason,
County Administrative Officer,
McCormick, South Carolina.

Workers' Council Holds Meeting

The Workers' Council of the Baptist Sunday School met with Mr. Geo. W. Bonnette, Miss Mari Sharpton and Mrs. C. H. Huguley on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Huguley.

The pastor, Rev. L. K. Simpson brought the devotional message on “Consecration.”

Reports from each department were read. Announcement was made that a study course would be held at the pastorium every night at 8:15 o'clock, March 1 through March 19. Mr. Simpson will teach the book entitled “The Book We Teach.”

A brief social hour followed during which hot chocolate and saltines were served.

Two Post Offices In County Discontinued

Postmaster J. E. Bell states that the post offices at Bordeaux, S. C., and Meriwether, S. C., have been discontinued, therefore, all mail that formerly went to patrons at Bordeaux, S. C., should now be addressed to them, McCormick, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1, and all mail that formerly went to patrons at Meriwether, S. C., should now be addressed Clarks Hill, S. C.

Have Red Cross

Donations Ready

The War Fund Drive for the American Red Cross will open in McCormick County on Monday, March 8th, and run for ten days. Our citizens are asked to raise \$1,700. Let us not allow our reputation for generosity to trail in the dust of disappointment.

Our men out yonder in the far-flung battle areas are expecting us to match their sacrifices with our devotion, at least. It is through the Red Cross that we can help them most. It is a “mother” to them wherever they go.

Several hundred times during the past year McCormick people have been able to get messages through and necessary furloughs for their sons in service because we had an active chapter of American Red Cross. Thousands of garments too have been made here and sent to service fronts.

When you make your gifts during the coming week you will be helping someone you know. Our boys write back about the wonderful help the Red Cross gives to them.

Such service to our armed forces and to the needs of distressed civilians on the battle and home fronts can not be carried on unless we give liberally and sacrificially. Be gracious in your response—you cannot afford to do otherwise.

County Chairman W. Yates Webb has asked the following to serve as chairmen in the various communities:

- McCormick—Mr. Paul R. Brown,
- Mt. Carmel-Flatwoods—Mrs. D. J. McAllister,
- Willington—Mrs. L. F. McNair,
- De La Howe—Mr. James Cherry,
- Bordeaux—Mrs. G. W. Cade,
- Bellvue-Buffalo — Mrs. T. L. Britt,
- Wideman—Miss Kathlene McKinney,
- Young's—Mrs. J. C. Young,
- Dowlin's—Mrs. P. W. Roper,
- Bethany-Lyon—Mrs. J. W. Seigler,
- Sandy Branch — Mrs. B. C. Owings,
- Plum Branch—Mrs. E. C. Rice,
- White Town — Mrs. Manning Freeland,
- Kelsoboth—Mrs. E. M. Morgan,
- Parksville-Modoc—Mr. E. A. Williams,
- Meriwether—Mrs. J. J. Minarik,
- Chesnut Ridge — Mr. Jimmie Creswell.

Loan Funds To Purchase 3 Farms In County Available

Loan funds are available for the purchase of 3 farms in McCormick County in 1943 through the Bankhead-Jones Act administered by the Farm Security Administration. Mr. Hanvey, County Supervisor, states that applications are now being taken and any family who wishes to own a farm should file an application at the county FSA office which is located in the Dorn building. Funds are also available to assist farmers who own small tracts of land to buy additional land or to improve undeveloped farms into an economical family size unit. Landlords with farms for sale may also list them at the county FSA office. These loans are made at a low rate of interest (3 per cent) and may be financed over a period of several years.

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

MCCORMICK, S. C.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

MARCH 5th and 6th, 7:15 P. M. and 9 P. M.

Matinee Saturday 3:30 P. M.

LEON ERROL MARY HEALEY

in

“STRICTLY IN THE GROOVE”

Also

CHAPTER THREE

“GANG BUSTERS”

and

TWO REEL MUSICAL

Matinee Saturday 3:30 P. M. Adults 20c, Plus Tax

MONDAY and TUESDAY

MARCH 8th and 9th, 7:15 P. M. and 9:25 P. M.

GREER GARSON WALTER PIDGEON

in

“MRS. MINIVER”

(One of the best pictures of the year.)

Also

SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

and

LATEST NEWS EVENTS

ADMISSION: Adults, 28 cents; Children up to 12, 11 cents; Children 12 to 15, 17 cents, including defense tax.