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WASHINGTON, D. C. (NWNS)—Although the mystery concerning Donald Nelson's resignation, a few months ago, as head of the War Production board, may never be quite cleared up, it is now obvious that he wasn't being gently ousted from a key place in the war program by the President. For the new job given to Mr. Nelson, as "personal agent" to the President with cabinet office rank, can in no sense be considered as being "kicked upstairs." The President has made it clear that he has great respect for the knowledge, experience and abilities of Mr. Nelson and intends to make him an even greater power in government.

Heated debate is expected in congress soon over whether to "freeze" the social security tax of 1 per cent, which is paid at present, or whether to increase it to 2 per cent as required by the original social security act. The increase to 2 per cent has now been deferred twice and Senator Vandenberg has prepared a measure to limit the tax to 1 per cent for at least another year. The President, the social security board, and the treasury department have urged that it be increased now, without further delay. Those who favor freezing it for another year argue that the additional 1 per cent which would have to be paid by business, as well as by employees, would act to stifle business at a time when it must have extra funds for reconversion. Proponents say that there is no reason why the increase can not be made now as easily as later, that it would aid in funneling off excess purchasing power, would help to prevent inflation, would aid in wartime financing and that the self-financing of social security requires that the increases be made.

Probably the decision on the measure will be held over for the new congress, but it is felt that if the present "lame duck" congress is asked to decide the issue the

"freezing" proposal will be approved.

Rationing of shells and other ammunition on our war fronts has been made necessary because of production delays on the home front, according to the President. These delays, he said, are caused by workers quitting critical war jobs and having to be replaced by inexperienced and inefficient help. The President said that men are quitting their war work because of the fear of not having jobs after the war unless they move into peacetime pursuits ahead of the crowd. The President made a statement at his press conference to try to reassure these workers that jobs would be found for them after the war if they stuck to their war work now. He referred to a statement made by Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric and former associate head of the War Production board, who said that leading industrialists intended to keep men on as well as avoid pay cuts after the war.

The recent telephone strike, which handicapped business in Washington as well as in several mid-western cities and threatened to paralyze communications throughout the nation until it was called off again aroused many congressmen to look into what might be done to prevent strikes affecting war industries. But either congress hasn't been able to find any answer or realizes that no adequate measure would be passed by the majority of its members. Congressmen continue to hear from many of their constituents demanding anti-strike action, and many feel guilty over doing nothing about it, but there seems to have developed a gentlemen's agreement among congressmen that on this issue they should pass the buck to the President for the duration—that strikes constitute too ticklish a situation for congress to handle.

Mrs. Mattie C. Bowen Claimed By Death

Mrs. Mattie Creswell Bowen died at the home of her son, William R. Bowen, of Troy, at 2 p. m. on November 28th. She was the widow of the late William Reese Bowen of Pickens.

She is survived by two sons, William R. Bowen, Troy, Captain John Creswell Bowen, Camp Croft; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lillie B. Young, Troy; a stepson, Hugh G. Bowen, Charleston; a sister, Miss Janie I. Creswell, Troy, and ten grandchildren.

She was a member of Long Cane A. R. P. Church.

Funeral services were conducted at Long Cane A. R. P. Church on November 29th at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. W. C. Kerr in charge, assisted by Rev. W. P. Grier.

Pallbearers were Jim Creswell, Robert Young, S. O. Bouknight, Lucian Talbert, Amous Creswell and E. N. Creswell.

J. S. Strom, funeral director, in charge.

Plum Branch News

(Written for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeland and family of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Freeland were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pettus.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rearden were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bearden and children, Eddie and Mary Elizabeth, of Madison, Fla., and Mr. Charlie Rearden of Portsmouth, Va., and Marion, N. C.

Harry Ream, Jr., S 2-c, of Bainbridge, Md., arrived home Tuesday for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ream.

Miss Charlye Ann, Jo, Emuea-jane and Brenda Miner visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bowick, of McCormick, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

W. W. Jackson and son, Walter, and Ralph Wilkie, Navy Yard workers in Charleston, visited with their families here the past week end.

Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Holloway of Gadsden, Ala., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holloway. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Holloway of Augusta were also their guests the past Sunday.

Miss Rose Marie Creswell visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Creswell, in McCormick, the past week end.

Miss Carolyn Rice, Columbia College, spent the past week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rice.

Mrs. C. W. Freeland, Mrs. J. M. Strom and Miss Sudie White of Augusta spent Sunday as guests of Mrs. Guy Carr.

Mrs. H. D. Creswell and children visited her sister, Mrs. J. G. Peuffier, of Spartanburg, in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sharpton, on Thanksgiving.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bracknell on last Friday were Mrs. M. D. Shuler, Jr., of Texas, who is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Coleman and daughters, Janice and Ann, of Charlotte, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. George Dorn and little George Neal of McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bracknell and children, John Luther and Judy, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis M. Kirkland and little son, Donnie.

Ernest Riddlehoover, Chief Petty Officer, U. S. N., arrived home last Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Riddlehoover.

Pfc. Richard Collier is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Collier.

Pfc. Robert Hawthorne Banks, who is now convalescing in Augusta, Ga., spent Sunday, Nov. 19, in the home of his mother, Mrs. R. H. Banks. On the past Sunday Mrs. Banks, Betty Claire and Miss Willie Mae Ludwick of Columbia spent the day in Augusta with him.

Messrs. Marion Banks, Wilbur Gene Allen and Mr. Smith from Columbus, Ga., spent Thanksgiv-

Are You Buying War Bonds?

Records show that over \$400,000,000 worth of War Bonds in the U. S. were cashed in by their owners last month. This is distressing. Worse still - - - some of these bonds were owned by McCormick County citizens.

We wonder what our boys in the muddy, icy, fox-holes will think of this. Specially if they have to hide there waiting too long for more ammunition - - -

Through the purchase of more extra War Bonds and not the extravagance of cashed-in War Bonds, do we expect this terrible war to end.

McCormick County's quota in this Sixth War Loan Drive is \$95,000. Are you doing your part?

G. J. Sanders, Jr., county chairman, urges citizens to think this matter over seriously.

Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Whereas the ceilings are essential to the wartime welfare of the citizens of McCormick and of the merchants who serve them,

Whereas, as during the First World War, military victories will not immediately remove the dangers of disastrous inflation, and

Whereas, for some time to come we will face inflationary dangers that could rapidly destroy from within the very security our Armed Forces are fighting to protect,

Therefore, I, Mayor of the City of McCormick, invoke each citizen to participate wholeheartedly in the McCormick County GROCER-CONSUMER ANTI-INFLATION CAMPAIGN by frank and friendly adherence to our ceiling price program.

T. J. Sibert,
Mayor.

Fight Tuberculosis! Buy Christmas Seals!

County Chairman J. Fred Buzhardt and his co-workers have mailed out the Christmas Seals for the tuberculosis fight and everyone is urged to respond at once.

War conditions aid in the spread of tuberculosis and more funds are needed than ever, to cope with this ever increasing public menace.

ing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Banks.

On last Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bracknell had as their dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferguson and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Caudle and Misses Jonelle and Janet Caudle of McCormick.

G. W. Collier, who is stationed at Macon, Ga., with the Red Cross, spent the past week end in the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie E. Collier.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Winn were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Godsey and Jimmie, Greenwood, W. C. Bochman, Columbia, Miss Mabel Winn, Augusta, and Miss Gladys Winn, student at Lander College Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Adams and children, Marsha and Jimmie, Augusta, and Mrs. Charles Page and daughter, Sara Ellen Aynor, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wideman on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Page and Sara Ellen were week end guests.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Freeland were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culbreath and daughter, Ann, Mrs. Hugh Margaret Burch and daughter, Peggy, of Aiken, Miss Mabel Freeland, Anderson College, Manning C. Freeland, S. 2-c, Beaufort Miss Annie Humphrey, Woodruff, and Mrs. H. C. Lowe, Westville, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in their respective homes here.

Operetta To Be Presented At Plum Branch School

The primary grades of Plum Branch School will present the operetta, "At The End of Santa Claus' Trail," Thursday night, December 14th, at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

The price of admission is 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The public is cordially invited.

Delightful Barbecue Supper Enjoyed After Lodge Meeting

Following the regular communication of Mine Lodge, No. 117, A. F. M., Monday evening of last week in the lodge room, a most delightful barbecue supper was enjoyed at the community house.

Mr. James M. Dorn, W. M., and Mr. Chas. H. Foose, Sec., were in charge and the supper was prepared by Mr. John A. Self and Mr. H. M. Freeland and served by Mr. S. D. Giles and Mr. F. A. Cosey.

Lt. and Mrs. Jesse Coffy and son, Huey, of Augusta, were among the visitors present.

Girl Scouts To Sing Carols Christmas Eve

The Girl Scouts of McCormick, Troop No. 1, will sing Christmas Carols in the community from 7:30 until 8:30 o'clock Christmas Eve, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Berry, Mrs. David Robinson and Mrs. Klugh Connor.

Mrs. J. W. Boyd Claimed By Death

Mt. Carmel, Dec. 5.—The passing of Mrs. J. W. Boyd which occurred Thursday at 1:30 p. m. was quite a shock and grief to her family and relatives and also to her many true friends everywhere. She was stricken Thursday morning and passed away at 1:30 p. m. without regaining consciousness before her beloved children could reach her side.

Mrs. Boyd was 72 years of age and had been quite a beloved citizen of Mt. Carmel for many years.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. S. T. Russell, Augusta, Ga., Mrs. Dode Phillips, Due West, Mrs. Ralph Campbell, Charlotte, N. C.; three sons, Mr. Arnold Boyd, New York, Mr. Sam Boyd, Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. James Boyd, of Greenville; and one sister, Mrs. Boyce Norris, of Calhoun Falls.

Mrs. Boyd was a true and faithful member of the A. R. P. Church and her home was always open for use.

Funeral service was conducted in the A. R. P. Church here by the pastor, Dr. S. W. Reid, assisted by pastors from other places, Dr. J. P. Pressley, Dr. E. B. Kennedy, Dr. Grier, Rev. Mr. Boyce and others of Due West and Dr. C. O. Williams of Greenville, and others.

Burial was in the Mt. Carmel cemetery by the side of the beloved husband.

She was a woman whose life was as pure as the driven snow and whose departure from earth to where saints immortal reign was like the glorious setting sun whose splendor is more beautiful at its close.

KEEP FAITH WITH THEM!
BUY MORE WAR BONDS

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HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

McCORMICK, S. C.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

December 8th and 9th, 7:15 P. M. and 9 P. M.

Matinee Saturday 3:30 P. M.

LOUISE RAINER—WM. BENDIX

in

"HOSTAGES"

Also

CHAPTER 8

"GREAT ALASKAN MYSTERY"

and

SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

Matinee Saturday 3:30 P. M. Adults 24c

MONDAY and TUESDAY

December 11th and 12th, 7:15 P. M. and 9:10 P. M.

JOHN HALL—MARIA MONTEY

in

"ALI BABA & 40 THIEVES"

(In Technicolor)

Also

SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

and

LATEST NEWS EVENTS

ADMISSION: Adults, 30 cents; Children up to 12, 12 cents; Children 12 to 15, 18 cents, including tax.

TAKE YOUR
FERTILIZER
NOW

War Food Administration WARNS...
"NOW OR NEVER
FOR 1945"

There's a crisis in the making!

If stocks pile up in fertilizer plants and agents' warehouses, the stream of supply will choke up. They must move fast or the lack of man-power will cause a paralyzing shortage.

Take the Chilean Nitrate situation for example. To supply the quantity needed for 1945 crops, many cargoes must be unloaded each month at each port, then moved out by train and truck for immediate allocation. It must move out of agents' hands as fast as it moves in. If not, the choke-up starts and works back to the ports, even back to the ships.

Already there's a threatened shortage of nitrogen, due to sharply increased war needs. Unless you help

smash the bottle-neck by taking your nitrate as soon as it is offered, the shortage will become acute. Thousands of tons will pile up at U.S. ports or on the docks in Chile. The only place Chilean Nitrate does you any good is on your crops. Get yours now... while you can.

Storage Tips

File all materials on dry boards in barn or shed.
File materials separately.
Keep piles close together.
Destroy the bags when you use the contents.

Buy Your Fertilizer NOW... Take it NOW... Store it Till It's Needed

This message is published to assist the War Food Administration and the fertilizer industry... to help you get the fertilizer you need.

Natural CHILEAN NITRATE of SODA