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This Week in WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NWNS).—A general relaxing of food rationing as well as of Victory garden and other food production programs, which was scheduled for 1945, has been shifted into quick reverse. Farmers will now be urged to produce all the food possible this year, the Victory garden program will be pushed as strongly as ever and rationing will probably be tighter than in 1944.

Food authorities realize that farmers have had a remarkably good break during the war years from the standpoint of weather, blights and other uncertainties of nature, but they can't afford to count on a continuation of this good luck for another year.

If the luck holds out our farmers will be able to continue to feed our nation, the men in the services, and have a good supply left over for foreign populations—but the planners would be foolish to count on another record crop.

Meanwhile, the increase in the number of food products being rationed, plus the raising of point values on butter and meats, are indicative of the trend.

"Labor problems as usual" can be expected during 1945 with a full quota of strikes, threats of strikes and government seizures. Although the Montgomery-Ward case, which has been the headline news of labor disturbances lately, is not too much involved with production or distribution of war goods, it promises to be one of the big test cases of labor history and the results of it will affect many moves by labor organi-

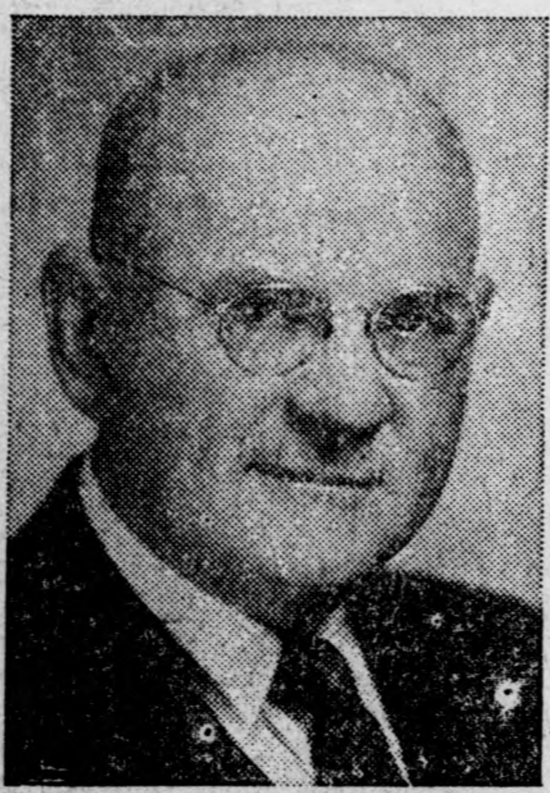
zations in the future. In fact CIO war workers in Detroit (in spite of their no-strike pledge) threatened to walk-out if the government didn't promptly enforce the directives of the National War Labor board in this case. The NWLB had ordered a closed shop in four Ward stores in Detroit and the company contended that such an order was not legal. The case will probably be taken to the highest court—and meanwhile the stores will be operated by the war department.

Although this case may foment other labor troubles, and may influence some CIO unions to renege on their no-strike pledge, the greatest danger on the labor front involves the efforts being made by practically all unions to get the War Labor board to break the fast-weakening Little Steel formula and permit general wage increases.

The function of the board is to keep wages from rising unduly and thus prevent inflation, but labor seems to be almost unanimous in opposition to this function. Unions are obviously not too worried about inflation and are concerned primarily with an ever-improving standard of living for their members. And if union members don't get increased raises through negotiation, many government officials fear many of them will turn to the most effective weapon they have.

Final count on election returns, both for civilians and those in the armed services, have been just about completed. The figures show that approximately 35 per cent of those in uniform cast a vote in the presidential election and that the total military and civilian vote was just under 48,000,000. The soldier and sailor vote is said to have totaled about 2,800,000, which is about 500,000 less than was expected. The civilian vote also failed to reach the total of 50,000,000 which both parties predicted before the election.

Baptist Radio Hour



DR. M. E. DODD

Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour broadcast next Sunday morning, 8:30-9:00 o'clock A. M. His subject will be, "Hitherto—Henceforth". In this message the speaker will challenge every believer in Christ to a special soul-winning effort during this year. This is the Centennial year of Southern Baptists and Dr. Dodd is the appointed leader in an all-out Crusade to win one million souls to Christ in 1945.

His message will indeed be a clarion call and should be heard by Christians everywhere.

On these programs there will be heard great hymns of the Gospel rendered by the Baptist Hour Choir under the direction of Mr. John D. Hoffman.

These broadcasts will bring a blessing to all who hear them. My earnest hope is that the people of our community and county will not fail to hear these helpful messages every Sunday morning, 8:30-9:30, through March.

Sincerely yours,
L. K. Simpson.

Greenwood P. C. A. Meets January 16th

The Greenwood Production Credit Association, which makes agricultural loans to farmers in Abbeville, Greenwood, Saluda and McCormick Counties, will hold its eleventh annual meeting in the Court House in Greenwood on January 16th at 11 o'clock, Mr. J. C. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, announced.

At this meeting, Mr. Smith said two directors would be elected by the stockholders.

We are expecting a large attendance, Mr. T. J. Sibert, one of the directors, said. There is always a great deal of interest in our annual meetings, particularly in the report on the operations and accomplishments of our association during the preceding year.

Mr. Sibert also pointed out that the Greenwood Production Credit Association is a cooperative credit organization which makes short-term agricultural loans on all types of farming and is owned and controlled by the farmer-members of the association.

Training Meet Held For F. F. S. Members At Willington

E. B. Price, district forester, and M. P. Beckman, district ranger, with G. L. Sharpton, county ranger, held a training meeting for the F. F. S. members in the Willington community house December 21st.

After the meeting a picture was shown and supper was served by the ladies of the Buffalo Grange. G. L. Sharpton, County Ranger.

If milk is 87 per cent water, what importance should you attach to a plentiful supply of pure water for your dairy cows?

Widows And Orphans Act

Dr. C. K. Epting asks The Messenger to publish the following: STATE SERVICE BUREAU Columbia, S. C., January 1, 1945.

Dear Dr. Epting:

The attached Copy of a Memorandum issued in this office will give you an idea as to the operation of Public Law No. 433. No official instructions or regulations have yet come out of Central Office.

Benefits under the Act, if allowable, will date from filing application—either Formal (Form 534) or Informal. Right now our supply of the regular Forms is low, but we are having a few sent you under separate cover. Also we are sending you some of the Informal Claims which will protect the interest of the applicant until the regular forms are available.

An unmarried widow of a World War I veteran whose annual income does not exceed \$1000—if without minor children—or \$2500—if there are minor children—is eligible under the Act. It will be necessary to show legal termination (death or divorce) of any prior marriages; Certified Copy of birth records of any minor children; and where veteran died outside a Veterans' Hospital, it will be necessary to prove death by submitting Certified Copy of Death Certificate.

When new Regulations are issued by which to administer the Act, they may call for certain additional information, but we will have to await developments on this point.

With kind regards and good wishes for the New Year, I am Cordially yours,

R. S. Sloan,
State Service Officer.

STATE SERVICE BUREAU
Columbia, South Carolina
December 26, 1944
MEMO AS TO PUBLIC 483, 78th Congress. WIDOWS AND ORPHANS ACT WW I.

Act was approved December 14, 1944, provides a basis for payment of non-service connected death pension to widows and children.

Service must have been 90 days or more, or the veteran have been discharged for disability in line of duty (between period provided for World War I)—that is service before November 12, 1918, or if service was in Russia, before April 2, 1920; discharge must have been under conditions other than dishonorable.

The delimiting marriage date is extended to December 14, 1944 instead of the old date: May 13, 1938; (This applies to service-connected as well as non-service-connected cases.) Many widows heretofore barred because of this date, may now be eligible, and should now file claim.

Any woman who has married veteran on or after December 14, 1944, may be awarded pension, as his widow, if married to him for at least ten years. Continuous cohabitation is required.

Rights of widow terminate upon her remarriage and such rights may not be revived.

Rates:

Widow no child	\$35.
Widow one child	45.
Each additional child	5.
Total limited to	74.
No widow	
One child	\$18.
Two children	27.
Three children	36.
Each add. child	4.
Total limited to	74.

AS TO FILING CLAIMS: MOST IMPORTANT

An application under this law MUST be filed with Veterans Administration. Award cannot be made effective prior to date of receipt of application in Veterans Administration in majority of cases presently.

No disallowed claim will be reopened without a new claim being

Above the HULL BALOO by LYTLE HULL

Fascists

This correspondent stood on a street corner the other night among a group of other hopeful bus passengers. It was one of those horrible nights when the thermometer stood at 15 above and the wind and snow made it feel like the same figure below. Opposite was one of New York city's great hotels; and from the entrance were streaming men and women in evening clothes.

A lady in the group in which this writer stood and froze remarked, with a strong foreign accent: "Look at those blank blank millionaires. They don't even know a war's going on—or give a blank! They're just a bunch of blank blank Fascists!"

Now someone had given this writer a ticket for the event across the way, and that ticket had cost just exactly \$25. It was a concert and its purpose was to raise funds with which to purchase desperately needed food and medical supplies for the half-starved children of one of our Allies. The artist, who usually gets a couple of thousand dollars for his appearances, had donated \$15,000 was raised we understand; and most of this had already been spent to catch a ship which was sailing the night before the concert.

The audience was composed mostly of well-to-do Americans with a sprinkling of foreign refugees—one of whom is said to have given most of the money he was able to bring here to help his native land. There was a prominent Jewish banker who had chucked his big salary

when we went into the war and was wearing himself to a shadow working for his country at one dollar per year. There were others there of this villainous banking fraternity who were doing the same thing. There was a rich dressmaker who is giving away more than she earns to the war effort; and there were many others just as sacrificing. There were quite a few members of the armed forces who—having seen with their own eyes some of the suffering abroad—were digging into their "leave" money to help. There were young—and not so young—women, in uniform—and not in uniform, who were holding down hard, steady, unpaid war jobs—like Nurse's Aids, etc.

There were five or six hundred good patriots at that concert; and it is safe to say that not one of them but was giving something—or everything—to help our country in time of crisis. There were those who have given sons already and there were others who will join this noble rank.

The writer knows what he is talking about because he has personal knowledge of what a few of these people are doing, and another newspaper man who was there gave him the "low-down" on most of the rest.

Why can't a person make a success out of life in the great city of New York without being cursed? After all, that's what we came over here for—we could make a success if we had the energy and the brains.

Claims pending under prior laws will be considered under this Act. If not certain that a claim is pending, play safe by filing again.

An informal claim by simple letter should be filed and form 534 filed later, if necessary.

We understand claims will be handled by Regional Offices; hence claims should be filed with the Regional Office; if later it is necessary that the claim be forwarded to Central Office, the stamp, showing first date of receipt in Regional Office will govern. This is important.

Publicity to this matter should be given in local papers, so that widows and children entitled may file.

This office will be glad to cooperate in any way possible. H. Stedman Sloan, State Service Officer. E. Henry Cappleman, Asst. State Service Officer.

I wish to give this wide publicity and shall be glad to cooperate in every way possible. C. K. Epting, Post Service Officer.

Conference On Cotton At Clemson January 29-30

Clemson, Jan. 6. — A two-day conference on cotton, to be attended by cotton breeders, cotton spinners, and cotton shippers will be held at Clemson Jan. 29-30, according to announcement of Dr. Claudias T. Murchison, president of the Cotton-Textile Institute and officials of Clemson College.

The conference is sponsored by the Institute, the Delta Council, Clemson College and North Carolina State College, and its purpose is to bring together breeders, buyers, spinner-technicians and others towards a better understanding of the problems facing each group.

In recent years, says the announcement, the cotton breeders have been able to evaluate their breeding efforts in terms of fiber properties and spinning utility through the use of the Service Testing offered by the Department of Agriculture's Fiber and Spinning Research Laboratories. As many as seventy-five cotton spinners, as well as a number of cotton shippers, have also used this service. Therefore, it is felt that through the medium of the fiber and spinning test data these branches of the cotton industry

now have a common meeting ground and that much good can be accomplished by holding meetings whereby breeders, shippers, and spinners may participate in discussions and become acquainted with the latest developments.

A comprehensive program is being arranged for the Clemson conference. On the program will be such outstanding leaders in cotton breeding science as Dr. H. W. Barre, pathologist in charge, Division of Cotton and other Fiber Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, USDA; Dr. George J. Wilds, president, Cokers Pedigreed Seed Company, Hartsville, S. C.; Dr. George B. Walker, president, Stoneville Pedigreed Seed Company, Stoneville, Miss.; also Dr. Rodney Whitaker, chief, Statistical and Quality Improvement Division, Cotton and Fiber Branch, War Food Administration; Dr. R. W. Webb, of the Cotton and Fiber Branch, WFA; and Dr. K. L. Hertel, director, Fiber Research Laboratories, University of Tennessee. Leading technicians in cotton spinning are being asked to appear on the program also.

Cleaning Equipment For Gins Valuable

Clemson, Jan. 6. — The current ginning season has very clearly demonstrated the importance of adequate cleaning equipment for gins, S. A. Williams, extension cotton ginning specialist, said here today.

Because of the scarcity of labor and bad weather conditions, much of the cotton has come to the gins this season in very poor condition and with an excessive amount of trash, Williams declared. Gins equipped with late model cleaner feeders or those equipped with pre-cleaners have been able to turn out very good samples from this rough seed cotton. Those gins equipped with plain drum feeders have allowed much of the trash to go into the lint, thus reducing the grade and the price.

It has also been observed that the gins with the best cleaning equipment show the least wear on gin ribs and saws, thus saving the ginner costly repairs.

Ginners who expect to install cleaning equipment for next season are advised to get their orders in now. There is no priority on this type of equipment, but the manufacturers will be limited on the number of machines they may build.

KEEP FAITH WITH THEM! BUY MORE WAR BONDS

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE

McCORMICK, S. C.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
January 12th and 13th, 7:15 P. M. and 9 P. M.
Matinee Saturday 3:30 P. M.

ROY ROGERS
in
"YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS"

Also
CHAPTER 12
"GREAT ALASKAN MYSTERY"
and
SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS
Matinee Saturday 3:30 P. M. Adults 24c

MONDAY and TUESDAY
January 15th and 16th, 7:15 P. M. and 9:15 P. M.
JIMMY DURANTE VAN JOHNSON
in
"TWO GIRLS & A SAILOR"

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.