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This Week in WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWN).—The squabbles within our nation's executive family have resulted in a lot of front page news in recent weeks, the lead story so far being the resignation of Harold Ickes. But, in the opinion of some observers here, "You ain't seen nothin' yet." Mr. Ickes' accusation that President Truman's appointments are being made for purely political reasons, or else to give jobs to his cronies, has turned the limelight on the executive department and there are many who feel that a number of recent appointees are not big enough men.

It is hoped, however, that one of the major difficulties facing the President—that of deciding who will be the final authority on price control—has been settled for the time being by the promotion of Chester Bowles, former OPA head, to the post of director of the Office of Economic Stabilization. Mr. Bowles, the government's leading proponent of holding prices in line, will now have the last word on prices. But he must act within the limitations of the President's new wage-price policy which will permit price increases not favored by Mr. Bowles.

The Truman wage-price policy, which obviously was written to avoid stepping on any more toes than possible, is worded to permit limited inflation. It reverses his former stand that wage increases could be given only when they would not result in price increases.

The new policy permits price increases necessary for a business to continue to operate at a

reasonable profit after giving wage increases in keeping with the "general pattern" set since the V-J Day. That pattern would indicate that wage increases of 15 to 20 per cent will be permitted even if they must be paid by the public through price increases.

There has been considerable speculation here, following Mr. Ickes' resignation, as to the political philosophy of the President. Although he started out by following pretty much in President Roosevelt's footsteps, and was thus considered a New Dealer, it is pointed out that there is now only one strong advocate of New Dealism left in the cabinet—Secretary of Commerce Wallace.

There is no evidence that the President wants to break with the New Deal group, but his appointments indicate that he is trying to play both ends against the middle in an attempt to get support from both New Deal and anti-New Deal Democrats. In general, however, his legislative demands continue to follow the New Deal course of making the security of the people a government responsibility.

Although there are many "security" bills now in the hands of congress, the one in the forefront at the moment is the Wage-Hour measure approved by the senate committee on education and labor. This bill would increase the present legal minimum wage by 6 1/2 per cent, from 40 cents to 65 cents per hour. It also provides for additional increases later on terminating with a minimum wage of 75 cents an hour.

W. Harvey Robinson Claimed By Death

W. Harvey Robinson, 77, prominent citizen of Troy, died at his home Sunday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock following a long illness. Mr. Robinson was the son of the late W. C. Robinson and Mrs. Isabelle Cook Robinson of two well known Troy families. He spent his entire life in Troy and was a successful farmer. Mr. Robinson was a charter member of the Troy A. R. P. Church and an active member.

Mr. Robinson was married Sept. 1, 1892, to Miss Addie Wardlaw, of the Bellvue section near Troy. She was a member of the well known Wardlaw family of Abbeville with wide connections all through the State. She died in 1936.

Mr. Robinson is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. N. Houston, of Matthews, N. C.; Mrs. D. R. Young and Mrs. Lillie Mae Hart, both of Troy; one son, D. W. Robinson, of Troy; four sisters, Mrs. Janie B. Dowtin, and Mrs. E. C. Cheatham, of Troy; Mrs. T. H. Robinson, of Corsinacan, Texas; and Mrs. E. O. Jenkins, of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; three brothers, W. C. Robinson, of Greenwood; T. A. Robinson, of Cross Hill; and J. P. Robinson, of Troy. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside in the Troy cemetery at Troy at half past three o'clock Monday afternoon with his pastor, the Rev. R. E. Huey, and Dr. C. B. Betts in charge.

The following nephews served as active pallbearers:

Edwin Cheatham, William Robinson, George Robinson, Curtis Dowtin, David Wardlaw, and David Kennedy.

Dr. W. S. Brooke To Speak At Plum Branch Baptist Church Sunday

Dr. W. S. Brooke, Executive Secretary of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina, will speak at the Plum Branch Baptist Church next Sunday morning, March 3rd, at 11 o'clock.

To hear Dr. Brooke is a rare privilege. It is hoped that there will be a record congregation present.

W. E. Brant, Pastor.

Mt. Carmel News

Mrs. W. A. Scott and Mrs. Hunter McKinney were visitors in Anderson last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Scott of Abbeville were visiting relatives in Mt. Carmel Sunday and worshipped at the A. R. P. Church.

Sen. L. L. Hester spent the week end at his home here, returning to Columbia Tuesday morning.

Miss Matilda Bell of McCormick was a pleasant visitor in Mt. Carmel Monday afternoon, visiting the sick and also many friends.

We are glad to say that Miss Susie Patterson is very much better now, and many friends hope for her a complete recovery soon.

Mrs. Herschel Fife of Atlanta, who has been visiting the Misses Patterson, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Curtis, Miss Nita Curtis, Miss Monnie Harling, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klingensmith were visitors in Abbeville Monday and attended the picture show at Calhoun Falls Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horton returned home from a 15 days' stay in Abbeville Hospital several days ago. Mr. Horton is improving nicely. Many friends visiting him made him very happy.

The many friends of Mrs. Mamie Baker of Greenwood will be grieved to hear of her serious illness at the Greenwood Hospital. Mrs. Baker was a citizen of Mt. Carmel for many years and a host of friends, relatives and loved ones are hoping that she will soon recover. She was very much beloved by all when she lived here, and all are hoping for the best.

McCormick School News

Chapel

We had a very interesting program in chapel Monday. Miss Elizabeth Watkins, from Spartanburg, S. C., was our guest speaker. She has been a teacher in the Christian schools in Japan for more than eleven years, and was prepared to give us much information about the country and the people. Miss Watkins illustrated her talk with a model Japanese home, dolls representing various classes of the people, and native clothing. From her talk we learned much about the customs and habits of the people, and the hardships the common people endured at the hands of the military class. Miss Watkins said the people are looking to us for help, now, and unless we help them they will turn to communist nations. Everyone enjoyed Miss Watkins' talk very much, I am sure.

4-H Club Meets

The McCormick High School Girls' 4-H Club met Wednesday, February 20th, with fifteen members present. The program was as follows: Scripture, Iva Dell Talbert, Contest, Carolyn Jennings, Topic Discussion, "Breakfast". Miss Bell is director of the club.

Essay Contest

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring an essay contest in which all pupils of Junior and Senior High School are eligible to



VETERANS QUESTION BOX

Ed. Note: This newspaper has arranged with the Washington Bureau of National Weekly Newspaper Service, 1616 Eye St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C., to answer questions pertaining to servicemen and veterans. These questions will be answered in this column if addressed as above. No replies can be made by mail, but this paper will print answers to all questions received.

Q. I am a discharged soldier and trying to get the GI loan. I first tried to get it to buy sheep, but was advised to buy a farm. They said they weren't loaning money for farms as land had gone too high. I tried again for the sheep loan and they said I had to own a farm first. I know lots of boys getting this loan to buy trucks. How can I get this loan and do I have to get it at this bank?—E. A. G., Alamosa, Colo.

A. There are many GIs in your shoes. Under the present regulations, you may go to any bank, building and loan or other lending institution which is making these GI loans. It is up to the lending institution to approve the loan. If it does, then the Veterans Administration will guarantee the loan on homes or farms up to 50 per cent of the loan or up to \$4,000. On business loans, the guarantee only goes up to \$2,000. You must first obtain a certificate of eligibility which is a summary of your service record. This is countersigned and submitted to the V. A. by the lender. The same provisions apply in the purchase of either a farm or livestock and then the law provides the lender consider these two things: (1) that the ability and experience of the veteran and nature of the proposed operation

are such there is a reasonable likelihood that he will be successful and, (2) that the purchase price paid does not exceed a reasonable value as determined by proper appraisal. It is apparently up to the lending institution to determine whether under these conditions the veteran is a good risk. It is conceded that, based on normal values, land in many sections of the country is too high at this time for economical purchase. You might try at another lender.

Q. My son is with the merchant marines and has served over two years in the South Pacific and the Atlantic. How many months sea duty is required and do they receive honorable discharge?—Mrs. E. F. F., Omaha, Neb.

A. Service in the merchant marine is voluntary and any seaman can leave at any time he desires. However, if your son is of draft age, he must serve for not less than 32 months after May 1, 1940, and must have spent 75 per cent of that time in active service and have received his War Shipping certificate, otherwise he would be eligible for draft in the armed services.

Q. In February, 1943, I enlisted in the WAACs, served six months, given an honorable discharge. Was told when enlisting we would have all benefits of G.I. I understand the government says we have no benefits, hospital, sickness, bonus, etc. Which is correct?—E. M. J., Plattville, Colo.

A. The Veterans' administration says those who served in the WAACs are entitled only to hospitalization and burial allowance.

Plum Branch School News

Primary News

Each child in the first, second, and third grade room has a reading chart. When we read a book we cut a little book out of colored paper. Then we print the name of the book on it and paste it on the reading chart. At the end of the year we will have a reading chart to show all the books we have read. Some of us read a new book each week.

Marion Wall, 3rd grade.

We are beginning our Health Book. We have invited Miss McGrath, our health nurse, to visit our class and check on each child. We will see who improves most in health habits before school closes.

Larry Bowick, 3rd grade.

In our health class we are learning what foods we need to make us grow healthy and strong.

We planted some seeds in sawdust and some in dirt. We will watch to see which grows best.

Emajane Miner, 3rd grade.

Visitors

The following were visitors to our school this week: Mrs. Alma Creighton, Mrs. O. L. Sturkey, Mrs. Wylie Coleman and others.

Please Return Library Books!

If you have any books belonging to the Plum Branch School Library please return them! We are taking inventory of books and we shall appreciate your promptness in returning over-due books.

Clean Plate Honor Roll

Joe Brown, Janice Coleman, George Earl Parks, Bill Morgan, Julian Chandler, Margie Brown, Winky Langley, Margaret White, Raymond White, Jean Wilkie, Emogene Jennings, Jean Creswell, Janie Gable, Sonny Wall, Elise Langley, Emajane Miner, Eugene Finley, Larry Bowick, Ellen White, Bobbie Langley, Lila Gable, Marjorie Willis, Millie Wall, Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doris Shrine, Betty Anne Langley, Rose Marie Creswell.

Honorable Discharges

ARMY

Cpl. William R. White, entered service March 26, 1943, discharged Feb. 10, 1946. Wears American Theatre Service medal and Victory medal. Served with 902nd AAF Base Unit.

Sgt. Wyatt E. Chamberlain, entered service Aug. 12, 1942, discharged Feb. 10, 1946. Wears American Theatre Service ribbon, Good Conduct medal and Victory medal. Served with 1st AAF Base Unit.

Sgt. Charles C. Wells, entered service Jan. 25, 1943, discharged Feb. 8, 1946. Wears American Theatre Service medal, Good Conduct medal, and Victory medal. Served with 4525th AAF Base Unit.

Sgt. Coran F. Bridges, entered service Aug. 26, 1942, discharged Feb. 17, 1946. Battles and campaigns, Luzon. Wears American Theatre Service ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Service medal, Good Conduct medal, Philippine Liberation medal, and Victory medal. Served with 333rd AAF Base Unit.

Staff Sgt. Lawrence A. Hardaway, entered service July 23, 1940, discharged Oct. 12, 1945. Battles and campaigns, Northern France and Rhineland. Wears Expert Infantryman badge, EAMET Campaign medal with 2 bronze stars, and Good Conduct medal. Served with 423rd Infantry.

Pvt. John S. McCracken, entered service Aug. 15, 1944, discharged Sept. 7, 1945. Battles and campaigns, Rhineland and Central Europe. Wears Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, EAMET Service medal with 2 bronze stars, and Good Conduct medal. Served with 38th Armored Infantry Battalion.

NAVY

Fred Watson Newby, Seaman 1st class, entered service March 10, 1944, discharged Feb. 12, 1946. Served with USS Westmoreland. Wears American Area Campaign medal and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal.

Workers' Council Meets

"I was shocked to see church leaders with heads unbowed, looking around during prayer when recently I walked up to the church door," said Mrs. L. K. Simpson in discussing the topic "Reverence" at the Workers' Council of the local Baptist Sunday School, meeting with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sanders Monday night. "Christians should be reverent in the home as well as at church, in their speech as well as behavior and attitudes", she continued.

The week following school closing was set for the Daily Vacation Bible School and a contribution made to the American Bible Society.

Reports were read by departmental secretaries, with Dr. L. K. Simpson presiding in the absence of Supt. J. S. Dukes, who was sick. Dr. Simpson also mentioned the special service for the veterans and boys in service now being planned for the first Sunday in May.

During the social hour Mrs. Sanders served chocolate sundaes with cookies. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. W. P. Parks and Mrs. Mrs. Bertha Harris.

G. A. Meeting

The Intermediate G. A.'s met Wednesday, February 20, 1946, at the home of Betty Widencamp. We had a very interesting meeting. There were three new members. Ann Sanders, Georgia Rose McCracken, Betty Jane Deason. We were glad to have them. We had our largest group attended than ever before. They were Margaret Mann, Rebecca Simpson, Eunice Wall, Evelyn Wall, Betty Widencamp and our leader, Mrs. James Mattison. There were also two visitors, Mrs. James Seigler and Mrs. Widencamp.

After the program we had refreshments and we discussed a weiner roast which is to be at the Lake Friday night, March 1st. Reporter, Betty Widencamp.

For Jobs In The Veterans Administration Apply Direct

Veterans and others desiring Federal employment with the Veterans Administration should apply direct to the Veterans Administration Offices.

This announcement was made today by Mr. O. E. Myers, Regional Director, Atlanta, of the United States Civil Service Commission, and Mr. John M. Slaton, Jr., Atlanta, Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration.

Until such time as the Civil Service Commission can establish lists for probational appointments it has issued to the Veterans Administration temporary authority to recruit and employ their own personnel. This cooperative plan will enable the Civil Service Commission to devote all of its resources to the establishment of registers

will enable the Veterans Administration to continue the staffing of its enlarging organization.

This applies to all departments of the Veterans Administration wherever located in the States of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee.

In making such appointments the Veterans Administration will adhere to the qualification standards for positions prescribed by the Commission, and applications will be considered in the following order: (1) From persons entitled to ten-point military preference. (2) From persons entitled to five-point military service. (3) From former Federal employees. (This group will be considered to include all former employees of the executive branch of the Federal government, the General Accounting Office, the Government Printing Office, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and the District of Columbia Government.) (4) From non-preference applicants who are not former Federal employees.

These positions will be temporary in tenure, pending plans for the announcement of examinations for probational appointments to be announced by the Commission.

During this period of temporary appointments the Civil Service Commission will assist the Veterans Administration by conducting periodic post-audits of the Administration's files.

Regional Director Myers stated that 26,680 veterans—including wives of disabled veterans or widows of veterans—were appointed to positions with the Federal government in the five states mentioned above and Puerto Rico in the calendar year of 1945.

Persons interested in employment with the Veterans Administration should apply direct to their nearest office for information and applications and NOT to the United States Civil Service Commission.

Plans to reduce production costs in 1946 will be worth more than mere hard work.

Rural community progress comes from hearty followship of worthwhile leadership.

Painting the home and the barn helps also to preserve the owner's self-respect.