
NUMBER TWENTY ENGLY

State Fire Marshall, Sherwood Brockwell Addresses Mass Meeting

provements

A Mass Meeting was held at the City Hall Tuesday evening, November 25, that the citizens of Farmville might be informed and have an opportunity to express their opinion on certain improvements proposed for the Town, namely:

The entertainment of petitions for paving sections of the following streets: Horne Avenue, Waverly, Church, Greene, Walnut, Barrett, Fields, Turnage and Pine Streets; the purchase of additional fire fighting equipment and fire barn which is deemed necessary for the only fire truck being twenty-three years old.

Each of the above projects was discussed at length and it was unanimously voted that the City Fathers proceed immediately with the necessary course to carry them through.

at the meeting, first extending a come out to participate in the meeting, and to distinguished visitors. Mayor Davis then called on City Clerk, Richard A. Joyner, who is also President of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, to

W. E. Holland, Fire Chief of Fort Bragg; Private Rosso, Fort Bragg Fire Department; W. R. Butts, Chief Police Canady, Kinston; M. C. Lassiter, Fire Chief, Snow Hill, George L. Lancaster, Fire Chief, Wilson; T. situation. "Picture a beautiful wom-R. Bissette of the Fire Department, an as a symbol of the America you

Lieutenant Kenlon Brockwell, who is the youngest Fire Marshall in the Army, and who is Post Fire Marshall of the largest Fire Department in the World, this being located at Fort Bragg, was called on by Mr. Joyner to make a few remarks prior to the introduction of his father, Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, the speaker of the evening. Lieut. Brockwell said that he came to be with us last evening that he might listen and learn and not be heard, though he passed on to us some interesting data within that there were 70,000 lives to be as from heart and soul standpoint to protected from fire at Fort Bragg, thus necessitating having proper equipment. There are ten fire sta- "It is not stretching the imagination tions at Fort Bragg: 14 trucks; and, 140 firemen. He says their slogan is "Put out the fire before it starts by inspection, if possible, and as quickly depend on your democracy for the as possible after it starts." He added that they have not lost a single building by fire at Fort Bragg during the past nine months. All fire C trucks in the army are being painted 32112 olive drab to eliminate chances of detection from the sky we were told.

Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshall for the past 27 years, and recently appointed State Coordinator of Defense, was introduced by Mr. Joyner to bring to us a timely ddress on the National Fire Defense Program as it effects our community. Mr. Brockwell began by telling us that the first Mass Meeting that he ever addressed was in Farmville in 1916; incidentally, during the second year of the last war. He immediately informed us that "I will not be the Sherwood Brockwell of North Carolina tonight who invariably spends the first five minutes of an ous incidents." He says that we are the usual decorations and gay lightnow facing the most critical period ing, which give to the town an air in the history of Fire and Police of festivity appropriate to the cele-Service in America. Mr. Brockwell bration of Christmas, the City Fathhas recently returned from a three ers and Merchants Association have was the best ever staged here in of its warships around them. From suffered a lower percentage of knockweeks training period at Edgewood decided to join with other neighbor- connection with this event. Merfrom past experience to know some here, and though it is difficult to prebut in three weeks I learned things bring there will be no blackout at vited to contact the Chamber of Comthat I thought no fireman in this this time.

Prominent Firemen more to get prepared, and today not one Pire Department in North Caro-From Other Sections lina is prepared. Sometime ago, Present; Citizens there were 328 fires raging in the City of London one night as a result Unanimously Endorse of bombing attacks and the water Movement For New works of the City blown to pieces; Equipment and Im- hence of no aid in helping the firemen. We don't want to be in a like position."

Mr. Brockwell so realisticly described the various poisonous gases which are used in warfare and with which we are likely to be confronted in the future. An effort has been which is deemed necessary for the protection of property, the City's Departments," stated Mr. Brockwell. Hon. Marvin K. Blount, of Green-not take sides in any conflict be- as the British command described it, cause 'Knewledge is Power,' and the tion," and Miss Hattle Parrott, of was about to launch her long-expect- reached the border. more we know what to expect and Raleigh, who conducted a round table the more we know what the other discussion under the subject of "Tycrowd will use against us, the safer sons and Mays of Yesteryears and Mayor George W. Davis presided earth as much as seven feet and descendants there flowed the blood welcome to the citizens who had en, as well as men, are going to be for liberty, freedom, tolerance and taught to use certain methods of pro- the right of every man to the pusuit

to the score of Duke 55-State 6. The Major Benjamin May Chapter State College with a sneak play House served as the convention hall trality Act, replacing the embargo African infantry concentrations, of State Firemen's Association, to scored on one of the greatest teams for the reunion, and was an approprious scored on one of the greatest teams for the reunion, and was an approprious scored on one of the greatest teams on arms shipments to belligerents by the New Zealand troops which had recognize the visitors of the evening in football in this country; so may I ate assembly ground, located as it a cash-and-carry rule. The law was beaten their way forward near the Pitt County Tuberculosis Associafollowing visitors were recognized: remind you that there is always a is on the lands of Major May and chance of a sneak play coming through no matter how well prepared our army or navy is. The question today is 'What must we do?' and Gray, Fire Chief, Kinston; Chief of the answer is 'We must be prepared' should that sneak play come!"

Mr. Brockwell left with us a most fitting illustration of our present all love," he said. "Let her be arrayed in a sealskin coat and silk gown, this representing our navy and army; let her head be adorned this represent our army air corps; then place this beautiful woman in all her fine attire in a lovely ballroom and leave her standing there barefooted. I ask you, 'What would she look like? What would Civilian Defense be if your two emergency departments. Fire and Police, were not prepared? May we be ready from equipment standpoint, as well

come through." In conclusion Mr. Brockwell said too far to think that what is done for your Fire and Police Departments for the next 18 months might next 1800 years."

Santa To Arrive Friday Fathers and Merchants Pathers" by the entire assemblage. As Usual" Slogan For at noon, Farmville

Pavoring a holiday season with He says, "I have reason ing towns in lighting Santa's pathway chants are being requested to add country will be extended to accom-

louser conflored to one I those who despite present chaotic removed that only those windows full pends.

the military maron as glad and prous as possible comber 12, will be alighte for the DEFENSE SPENDING.

at today conterns conditions, will strive to make this by decembed by Priday night. De-

Reunion Meeting Featured By Addresses Daypressing Daith Triumph of Principles For Which Forefathers Struggled

body, mind and soul was enjoyed by American merchant ships, it ended descendants of the Tysons and Mays, the isolationist sycle of foreign policy begun to try to develop a Fire Ser- who held their 21st reunion meet which has been symbolic of the Unitvice and a Police Service that will here Friday in a spirit of true ed States for at least the past six know how to distinguish between Thanksgiving that they are living in years. these different poisonous gases so a land in which family life is prothat civilians will be safer; so that moted and developed to the highest when people walk out of houses, degree, and in a Democracy where passed in 1935, signed by President | The Axis forces in that red and to protect them from any gas that the shadow of impending peril and rendered, in effect, our traditional the earlier deployment of a German might be around. "There is a need are bending every effort to safeguard insistence upon freedom of the seas, column eastward across the Egyptian of larger Fire Departments to pro- civil liberties, religious freedom and It appeared to serve notice upon the frontier near Sidi Omar-an unsuctect the people; also, larger Police the happy homes of its citizens. | world that the United States would cessful counter-offensive of diversion;

we will be," he said, adding "There Today," emphasized the fact that wreck the water forks; hence, wom- of pioneer Americans, who struggled tection when others ordinarily known of happiness, and expressed hope

his good wife, Mary Tyson, whose union in marriage served as a bond, which was renewed in the reunion organization of the two families and perfected at a celebration held by descendants in observance of the 160th wedding anniversary of this couple some ten years ago.

Grange, presided and addressed the spoke briefly.

esting report and introduced newcomers. J. H. Moore, superintendent of the Farmville graded school, presented Mr. Blount, the speaker of

the oceasion. and fine balance to the program were vocal duets by Mrs. Dink James and Miss Agnes Fullilove, of Greenville, whose accompaniment was played by lished and in September orders were Miss Ona Shindler, also of Greenville, and a group of solo selections by Miss Nellie Butler, who was accompanied by Mrs. M. V. Jones.

William S. Tyson, of Raleigh, who served the reunion as president in its early years will head the organization again this year, Andrew Joyner, Jr., of Greensboro, was moved up to the position of first vice president and Miss Nancy Flanagan, of Ballards community, a granddaughof the reunion, was elected as second merchantmen. He did not ask Con- ism prevailed at imperial headquarvice president. Mrs. Joel Moye, of gress for immediate passage of an ters, the strength of the Germans Farmville, will serve the organization again this year as secretary and

Agree On "Christmas banquet room of the Chapter House

food costs were 110.8 per cent of the S. Department of Labor.

thing about ordinary firefighting, diet what another Christmas may by entering floats and they are in- pen to be. great service would over be called Representatives of the Merchants this regard. Watch these columns as to any extension of the patrol of Association of Goldsboro, Wilson, next week for a full program of American warships, but it is regardhis timely address revolve around ton Kinston, New Bern and Tarboro, of tun for the kiddles and the stores of war will range the Atlantic as far the outcome of the football game who convened here several days ago will remain open for the viewing of as North Ireland, at least, Certainly, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, local Red At least some of the German disease and died. played between Duke University and to discuss the Christmas street light between Duke University and to discuss the Christmas street light their large stocks of Christmas goods our merchant ships will carry cargo Cross chairman, has announced that forces have swung back west from Klin, 50 miles northwest of Moscow. State College this past west, the ing problem of their respective cities by citizens of the community, who directly to the British Isles instead.



By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Cor espon

ISOLATION ABANDONED. 6-YEAR POLICY ENDS. U. S. IN THE WORLD.

When Congress gave its approva to the repeal of sections of the Neutrality Act, which prohibited American ships from going into bel-A feast of good things for the ligerent waters and the arming of

> The original Neutrality Act was cisive battle for Libya. ed invasion of Ethiopia.

both sides in the conflict in Italy heretofore held in reserve—an indiare bombs that will dig into the in the veins of this assemblage of and Ethiopia and in the Spanish civil cation that the initial great tank war. It was not applied to the Sino- clashes had left the British far from Japanese conflict.

The United States made its first ments for the supreme test. retreat from the isolationist policy The British juncture in the main and faith in the ultimate triumph of shortly after Germany launched her theater of Rezegh was effected by Thirty-Fifth Seal Sale "Once more I call your attention these Principles throughout the world. blitzkrieg against Poland. A special the arrival, to merge with the main session of Congress revised the Neu- Britich armored infantry and South signed to keep the nation 'out of running Gambut. foreign war," by prohibiting loans to belligerents, banning the arming of belligerent ports and combat zones."

> This was the situation until March vous. of this year when Congress passed anti-aggressor nations if we intended ern Libya, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, the re- to sit idly by while Germany's Uunion's genealogist, made an inter- boats sank the ships bound for Brit- that the great struggle was devel- sons, (Last year the Fund furnished

bound for Britain would be torpedoed if it came within the sights of his Giving a delightful bit of variety U-boats produced incidents in which American merchantmen and war ves- ing, improved their situation by a cent to the National Tuberculosis sels were attacked. Consequently, series of fierce counterattacks. last Spring, a naval patrol was estabgiven to shoot Axis raiders on sight. declared that this had little bearing both humane and economic. fect on U-boat operations in the At- British objective was the distruction lantic and its activity is credited of Axis armies, he added, the British with a major part in the reduction position was as favorable as it ever of ship losses during the past three had been.

sels to go into combat zones and into ated.

to isolate itself from the wars of to the west with whatever can be Europe, concludes at last that its salvaged if they lose in the approach safety is threatened by events that ing showdown.

score heing as you know, Date 55 this year, which had been under con- are invited to take part in the well of proceeding only to Iceland. Grad- man of the Pitt County Red Cross, with the object of encirciling Tuln in the same sector the recapture of State 6. He said, 'Mass and speed sideration for several weeks, agreed, coming caremony. unity, the pressure of our warships will meet all interested Farmville and cutting off the highway between five other settlements was claimed,

Fray; Rome Says Observers ents Captured by Axis

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 26-Imperial British troops formed a junction in heavy strength tonight in the Rezegh area and moved forward for a de-

"Fire Service for the next six months | ville, in his address, "The Family As tween aggressor and non-aggressor in which a third of the column's tank is going to cooperate strongly be- A Source of Democracy and Civiliza- nations. At the time, Fascist Italy strength was smashed before it

Moreover, the German commander, Gen. Erwin Rommel, faced a strong The Neutrality Act was applied to new concentration of British tanks spent in that arm-and was himself urgently trying to bring up reinforce-

Advancing Steadily

Dr. Matthew Lee Carr, of La the Lease-Lend Law. This Act, the British left wing had crossed made for its eradication. which makes the United States the more than two-thirds of the desert | What is the need? This question reunion. The welcoming speech was "Arsenal of Democracy" against ag- toward the Gulf of Sirte, and a in the minds of hundreds of citizens made by Charles Tucker, of Warren- gression nullified the cash-and-carry British bombing raid on the Axis at this time is answered by the Tuton, who also conducted an impres- provisions of the Neltrality Act and airdrome of Agedabia near the berculosis Association with actual sive memorial service. Rev. C. B. the ban on loans became meaning- coast suggested that this force had figures: 1940, January to November, with a gorgeous nat which has leath Mashburn gave the invocation. An- less. Subsequently, another question decided to attempt a full march to 40 new cases; 1941, same period, 81 drew Joyner, Sr., of Rocky Mount, arose. What was the use, it was the sea to cut off northern Libya new cases, or a 100 per cent increase. and Mrs. B. T. Cox, of Winterville, asked, of providing supplies to the and sever the coastal routes to west-

ain with the goods that we produced? oping-perhaps a final struggle, al- 679 free Xrays), prevention educa- Tokyo's reaction. though there were indications that tion, free clinics, tests, etc. Hitler's warning that every ship it might be sometime in unfolding. What per cent of the money stavs Axis forces in this theater were in Pitt County? 75 per cent stays

Position Favorable

But a British military spokesman The patrol seemed to have some ef- on the situation now. Since the sole

Official word that the British now were deploying tanks not previously Continuing the national policy of in action suggested that General Sir aiding the British, the President re- Alan Cunningham was even more quested Congress, on October 9th, to strongly armored than he had aprepeal the ban on the arming of peared first to be, but while optimamendment to permit American ves- and Italians was not being depreci-

belligerent ports. The House au- "We have a fair idea of what rethorized the arming of merchantmen mains of the German forces and the Night, Dec. 5th; City ed with the singing of "Faith of Our by an unexpected majority and the indications are that just as hard a Senate added a provision to permit scrap lies ahead as has taken place A basket lunch was enjoyed in the our ships to go into belligerent in the past four or five days," said the military spokesman.

The Germans, it appeared, were Thus, the nation which attempted prepared to fall back upon Derna

happen across the ocean. Conse- Recapitulating the performance of since January, 1981, reports the U. quently, it decides to permit its ves- American-made tanks, an informed sels of trade to go into any waters of source said that in some of the the world and throws the protection heaviest fighting yet seen they had now on, the defensive waters of this outs and casualties to personnel than

> Special Meeting Red Cross Called

PETAIN BALKING?

New York, Nov. 26.-Reliable re-Two Columns Joined for ports received in New York tonight Decisive Struggle in suggested the possibility of a hitch in German-French negotiations, with Rezerth Area; More Marshal Petain of France helding Tanks Hurled into out against outright membership in the Axis.

These reports coming from wellinformed neutral sources, seemed to and War Correspond- be supported by the failure of leaders of the two countries to meet the middle of this week, as had been ex-

> Petain's reported resistance German bids was said to be based largely on recent war developments from the various fronts. His chief reasons were listed as these:

1. The Italians again have presschurches, etc., that they will be able administration heads are aware of Roosevelt on August 31st, and sur- critical zone had been weakened by ed their aspirations for French territory in recent talks with the Ger-

ports that German losses in Russia are extremely heavy, although not as great as the Russians claim. The Russians have said the Germans have suffered more than 6,000,000 casual-

North Africa. This was coupled with reports that the Germans now have no large troop concentrations in Bulgaria, leading the French to believe that the Axis will be unable to develop a pincers movement against the Suez Canal this Winter.

Is Launched In County

J. H. Waldrop, president of the tightened in some other respects, de- Mediterranean coast line after over- tion, has announced through Miss Tabitha Devisconti, the local chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, that Just above Rezegh, the men of the Sale is now on and requests that merchantmen and barring ships from the British Tobruk garrison were citizens lend themselves and their advancing steadily eastward, it was means to the campaign for funds officially announced, for the rendez- with which the dreaded tuberculosis may be fought and a trail blazed to Far to the south of all this action, new frontiers in the effort being

used? It is used for an early diag-It was about Rezegh, however, nosis by free Xray to all poor per-

not encircled to the extent that they in the county, 20 per cent being sent had been four or five days ago, hav- to the State Association and 5 per Association.

> The first step in the control of tuberculosis is diagnosis and the spending of money for early diagnosis is Minister Alexander Loudon-repre-

The people of the conquered nations of Europe have a good idea of ment." what Hitler's new order means.

Gains la Struggle For Moscow

Progress

knowledged tonight. The break-through was in the The United States has said repeat-Stalinogorak sector 120 miles south- edly in recent months that it will east of Moscow, and east of the stand firm. The Japanese likewise hard-contested town of Tula. The have given no indication that they

Germans, using tanks, planes and in- will weaken. patches only as "V," but which may well have been Veney, 40 miles north-

merible. The men of the town are at Morbaich and Maloyarosavets, Germans had been killed in the rig

seried to be present as the Russians said new German at ing of Rostov-Un-Bon, on the soul

Said to Be Blunt Reiteration of Hull's Statement of Principles; Observers at Capital Fear Document Leaves Little Hope for Japanese-American Understanding

Washington, Nov. 26.-The United States tonight handed Japan a blunt statement of policy which informed quarters said virtually ended all chance of an agreement between the two countries on explosive Far Eastern issues.

A last-minite switch, reportedly resulting from a Chinese appeal to the White House, swung the United States from an anticipated program of conciliation toward Japan to one 2. The French have received re- of firm reiteration of long-standing American policies.

In effect, the statement said that Japan must withdraw all her troops from China and cease support of the Wang Ching-Wei regime in Nanking as an essential preliminary to any 3. Uncertainty of the fighting in agreement with the United States.

The statement-tendered to Japanese Ambassador Saburo Kurusu and Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura by Secretary of State Cordell Hullwas in the nature of a settlement formula, but instead of meeting Japanese demands for American concessions, it restated Hull's historic 1937 declaration of principles supporting the following policies:

1. Inviolability of territorial integrity and sovereignty. 2. Equality of commercial oppor-

tunity. 8. Noninterference in the internal affairs of other nations.

4. Noninterferense with the status quo except as it might be altered through peaceful means.

Hull, himself, presented the formula to the Japanese diplomatic team during a 75-minute conference at the State Department.

Neither of the emissaries had any immediate comment. The Japanese embasy said merely that the situation was too delicate for discussion.

The State Department gave no explanation of the proposal. Presentation of the formula marked the first concrete development in the peaceor-war talks which have been in

progress since November 17. Whether further conversations are held presumably depends upon

Turning Point Thus, tonight may have marked a turning point in Japanese-American

Before offering the plan, Hull had conferred for two days with British Ambassador Lord Halifax, Chinese Ambassador Dr. Hu Shin, Australian Minister Richard G. Casey and Dutch sentives of the so-called ABCD powers which Japan is accusing as members of a conspiracy of "encircle-

Hull's action tonight placed the next-and perhaps decisive-move squarely up to Japan, which had requested the conversations.

Unless a mutually acceptable arrangement can be devised, Japan's only alternative apparently is to retreat or fight. Both sides have made it plain

they do not want war, but each has prepared for eventualities. This government reportedly is de-

manding, as the price of any con-Nazis Break Through cessions it grants, that Japan aban-Southeast of Capital: don plans for further aggression, pull her armies out of China and Germans Claim Good French Indo-China, restore the traditional "Open Door" policy in South China, and substitute peaceful nego-London, Nov. 26.—Powerful Ger- tiations for the sword in achieving nan forces have acieved a new break- her so-called co-prosperity sphere. brough southeast of Moscow and Japan, as the price of any com have turned porth in the opening mitment she makes, wants Angiophases of a developing battle of en. American economic sanctions removcirclement, official Soviet advices ac- ed, and a free hand to chart her "New Order" for East Asia.

Por Monday Night west of Stalinegorsk and a little treating a family of five persons, ill more than 100 miles southeast, of with Rocky Mountain spotted faver,

are as of great importance today with the exception of one or two. The price committee has requested will be felt by Axis commerce raid- citizens at eight o'clock Monday Tules and Serpukhov, which is 50 however, as the result of counter-ab-

theil teams as when I play that the descentions should go up that all merchants have their win- ers and the British Navy, possibly, evening, December 1, in the funeral miles south of Moscow, by both tanks and cavalry, ed too bed for the purpose of enlisting drive east of Tula appeared to be it was declared by S. A. Lozaveky, in war," he added. "War | So Farmville will fall in line with of Serta Claus; and it has been an Mediterranean where a crisis im helpers in making up Farmville's the long southern arm of the pincers vice-commander of foreign affairs at quota of Red Cross supplies. on Moscow itself, reaching north- Kulbyshav, siready exceed the 280,-The heads of the civic and religious want in an effort to block off the 000 der and wounded which the im-