

Thurmond Chatham Tells Of Experience On European Trip

BOAT WAS NEAR DOOMED ATHENIA

Empress of Britain Followed Zig Zag Course Home; Believes Should Aid Allies

Below is an article which was prepared especially for the Chatham Blanketeer, Chatham Manufacturing Company employees' publication, by Thurmond Chatham, president of the company, concerning his recent trip to Europe. Mr. Chatham and family were in England during the crisis which led to the outbreak of the European war, sailing for home on September 2.

It's hard to express my happiness over being home again. North Carolina never looked quite so good—maybe once before when I came back in January, 1919, after serving with the American Navy in Europe.

When we reached France and England in late July, I was astonished at the preparations for war. We got off the ship in Cherbourg and the first thing that struck me was the blue color everywhere. Every factory window, every skylight and thousands of windows in homes and stores were painted a dark blue. The reason being that they would get some daylight, but at night the lights could not be seen from the air. We noticed this all the way to Paris—six hours by train. Every railroad window was fitted with new inside blinds that could be pulled at night. Along the tracks signal lights were masked and small crosses showing red or green in place. The names of

Pets 'Crisis'



WASHINGTON, D. C.—A black kitten, counterpart of the famous black cat of No. 10 Downing Street, sunned itself on the front steps of the White House during the first official visit of Lord Lothian, new British Ambassador. Lord Lothian is shown petting the cat, which reporters dubbed 'Crisis.'

stations and advertising signs such as our factories use, were all being taken down.

In Paris, there was no particular excitement but air-raid shelters were being built, the stores were putting steel shutters over their windows, concrete foundations for anti-aircraft guns were being laid in the parks and public grounds. The pictures in the famous Louvre Museum were being taken down and stored in deep cellars. Officers and troops could be seen everywhere, and the streets reminded me of the fall of 1918 when I was in Paris.

My second day in Paris I met my old friend, Harry Luce, who is President of Time, Life and

Fortune. He had flown from England that morning (July 26) and was flying to Poland that afternoon, getting first hand information for his magazines. The first thing he said to me was "There's going to be war and it will be very soon." He told me that he had found the British and French people were worn out with Hitler and the German Government. He said the masses in Britain and France—not the rulers—were for stopping Hitler at whatever price. That Chamberlain had given and given and that each time Hitler had broken his word.

I found all this to be true. I talked to hundreds of people and without exception they were for war, if Germany went into Poland. I talked to farmers, laborers, mill owners, women, young men in college or just out of college. In every case it was the same. Life will be unbearable if Germany rules Europe. Everything that the British have done for centuries in the way of free and democratic rule will be destroyed. In England and Scotland I saw no parades, heard no singing, but there was a deadly seriousness. I feel that the British and French deserve the support of every peace loving man in the world.

We saw the children being taken from London and other large cities. They are scattered throughout the whole British Isles in country homes. People are taking just as many children as they have beds. The roads were full of troops, supplies and military camps were springing up throughout the country. Every city had barrage balloons flying in quantities, and more were being put up. These are large sausage-shaped balloons that are sent up to 20,000 feet. The steel cable, about 1-4 inch in diameter will be a hazard and danger to enemy planes. Hundreds of these balloons were flying over London.

The last two or three days before war was declared were feverish with activity. Sand bags were being placed against windows, around public buildings and wherever protection was vital. The curbs and trees along all roads were being painted white. Every household in Great Britain is required to have black curtains or black paper over their windows at night.

I could go on and on, but it's hard to realize conditions in those countries. We sailed on the Empress of Britain from Southampton and Cherbourg late Saturday night, September 2. From the first moment at sea we zig-zagged every two or three minutes and frequently changed course entirely. It was extremely interesting to me because I served in those same waters during the World War. We were fairly near the Athenia when she was torpedoed on Sunday night, but were on a much faster ship and were not too nervous. We were required to carry life preservers with us continually and at night the whole ship was blacked out—no smoking on decks, etc. The Captain did not take off his clothes nor leave the bridge for five days—until we entered the St. Lawrence River below Quebec.

As much as I hate war, I feel that Great Britain and France are fighting our battle. If Germany should conquer them I think life in the U. S. A. would be unbearable and that we would have to fight Germany and perhaps Japan alone. I think it is vital and necessary for Congress to repeal the Neutrality Act and furnish the Democracies with everything they need. The people in Germany today are little better than slaves, and we cannot live to ourselves any longer. We must have rubber, tin, ores, oils, etc. We must have world markets for our cotton and tobacco. Only the defeat of Germany will mean the continuation of Freedom and Liberty throughout the world.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

Contractor Baldwin is making rapid progress these fine days on the addition of nine new Sunday school rooms to Dobson Baptist church. He expects to have them completed in one month.

The previous teachers of the Dobson school entertained the new teachers with a picnic feast at Williams Park Thursday evening. A number of extra invited guests were also present, making it a most delightful outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCoy and Mr. W. E. Lucky, of Charlotte, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDan, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. D. Marion and Frank Marion, of Asheboro, R. F. D., were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Roby Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hancock, of Florida, are spending several days with Mrs. W. E. Hancock. They spent Sunday in the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

Miss Dixon, of the school faculty, spent the week-end with Miss Beatrice Holbrook, at Trap-hill.

Miss Martin went to her home in Statesville for the week-end. Mr. Joe B. Cox spent Sunday at his home at Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Forrest and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, of Francisco, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest.

Mrs. Marion Ray and Miss Edith Forrest were also guests of the Forrests Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. L. West filled his third Sunday appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. West were dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Myrick and children, Eileen and Joe, of Mt. Airy, were visitors among friends in Dobson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers, Mr. Floyd Hawkins and daughter, Peggy Gwyn, of Semora, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Poole and son, Jim, have moved to Dobson for the winter, living in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Moore. Mrs. Poole is a sister of Mrs. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Rogers and Mrs. Mary Folger attended the funeral of Mrs. Belle Smith, Mt. Airy, Route 6, last Monday. Mrs. Smith was a sister of Mrs. Folger.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and son, Ivey Gray, spent Sunday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. F. F. Riggs returned Sunday from Pilot Mountain after spending a few days with relatives there.

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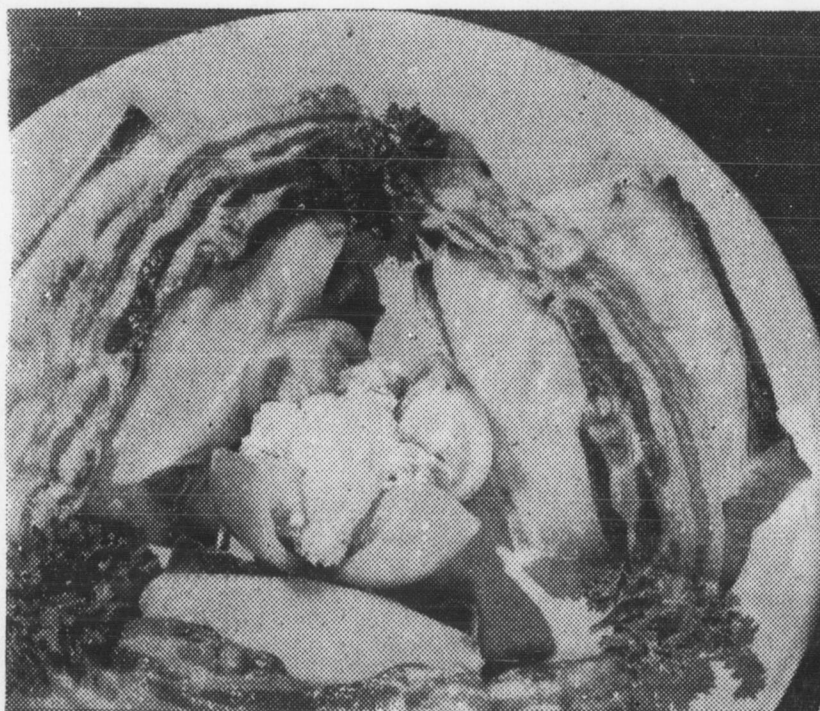
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Lillian G. Slawter, Plaintiff, vs. N. C. Slawter, Defendant.
The defendant above named N. C. Slawter, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Surry County to obtain a divorce from the defendant on the grounds of two years separation between the plaintiff and defendant; and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of Surry County, at his office in Dobson, N. C., at the Court House, within twenty days after the completion of service of this summons by publication, which will be complete, thirty days from the date of this notice, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This the 18th day of September, 1939.
F. T. LEWELLYN,
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browned. Cut tomato in fourths 3/4 of way down, leaving connected at bottom; spread sections apart. Fill with sour cream seasoned with horseradish. Place in plate, arranging open-faced sandwiches around tomato. Lay slices bacon over sandwiches. Garnish with parsley. Makes 1 serving.

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