

## ITALY ENTERS WAR

ROME, June 10.—Italy joined the war tonight at the side of the German Nazi legions which are pressing down perilously on France and Paris itself.

A communique said Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano had handed the British and French Ambassadors identical notes declaring Italy's determination to go to war before Il Duce spoke.

It said Italy considered herself at war against the Allies effective tomorrow, June 11.

(Presumably, this would mean at midnight—6 P. M. EST., tonight. In Germany, however, it was announced that Italian troops already had invaded French soil on the Riviera, France's Mediterranean coast, at 6 P. M. Berlin Time—11:30 A. M., EST., today.)

Notice of the plunge into hostilities, after months of teetering on the brink, was made in a wildly cheered, bombastic speech by Premier Mussolini from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia.

His announced war aims called chiefly for recovered control of the Mediterranean.

### PEACE IN BALKAN

He declared for preservation of peace in the Balkans and in Turkey and Egypt, all factors in Mediterranean control.

"Our will," he said, "is that Italy does not intend to bring other people into the conflict."

"Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey and Egypt will take notice of this fact." He also mentioned Switzerland in this connection.

Speaking from the balcony to Fascist Blackshirts crowded by the thousands in the Square below and in other squares throughout the kingdom where loud-speakers were rigged up at his urgent behest to "listen!" The Premier declared:

"We are descending to battlefields against plutocratic reactionary democracies."

Where Italy would strike its first blow he did not say, but it long has been said in Fascist circles that the first act of war would be a surprise, sprung probably before the actual declaration of war.

### WARNS LITTLE COUNTRIES

Mussolini warned the Balkans and the Mediterranean nations that any breach of neutrality would spread the war to them.

His pronouncement affecting Egypt and Turkey was seen as an attempt to divert them from pledges to assist the Allies.

Overtures to Egypt were made by the Italian press last week but were generally rejected.

Italians have attempted to break up the mutual assistance pact the Allies have with Turkey, a vital point in the control of the eastern Mediterranean.

With Turkey favorable or acquiescent to the Axis aims, Italy might open up for itself the British controlled gateway to the rewards of its conquest of Ethiopia.

## EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Tours, France, June 12.—German troops crossed the Marne at Chateau-Thierry in a storm of fire tonight, and other forces struck down from the north to within 20 miles of the heart of Paris.

They pushed forward on the capital in three main thrusts, and completed almost half of a ring about it, swinging from the Seine to Persan-Beaumont and Senlis and then down to Chateau-Thierry—the field where American Marines helped break another German advance of 22 years ago.

In Chantilly, near Senlis, and Persan-Beaumont in the region 30 miles north of Paris, the fighting raged over the very gardens of United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt's chateau.

(Bullitt is understood to be in Paris.)

Into a mighty battle to take Reims, above the Marne, the Nazis threw a whole mechanized army corps numbering 80,000 men or more and about 3,000 tanks, armored cars and shielded machine gun-bearing motor-cycles.

Not Admitted

The French did not acknowledge the loss of Reims, which the Germans claim, but they did concede that some forces had swept past it and across the Marne at Chateau-Thierry.

German efforts along the Seine likewise were spectacular. They put on all possible pressure from Rouen to Vernon in an effort to enlarge a bridgehead they had established on the south side of the river.

In that area, the French high command declared the invaders were being held in the region of Pacy Sur Eure and Exreux.

German scouting parties, however, were acknowledged to have struck off from the main body northwest toward Caudebec, which is only about 30 miles from

the vital French port of Havre.

Between the Oise and Ourcq rivers, Nazi advance units attacked violently around Crepy-en-Valois and Betz—a town some 30 miles northeast of Paris.

London, June 13.—(Thursday) —Great Britain poured men and guns across the English Channel to the aid of her hard-pressed French ally today, backing up far-ranging air raids pressed against the enemy from equatorial Africa to Arctic Norway.

"Every gun that could shoot," every available soldier and tank headed for the continental battlefield to fight the Germans, while Italy replied to British air forays with deadly attacks on Malta, Britain's island fortress in the Mediterranean.

The British, counting their successes from tons of bombs aimed at the axis powers, also counted 30 of her civilians dead and 30 injured from the eighth Italian air raid on Malta. Seven soldiers also were wounded. The Italians returned to the Mediterranean island early this morning and made two more raids—the ninth and tenth—and ran into a blaze of anti-aircraft gunfire.

The Germans feinted at Britain with a series of flights over the southern coast during the night and early morning, but no bombs were dropped and ground defenses drove the raiders off.

Rome, June 12.—Italy tonight claimed to have cut the Mediterranean in half with a mine field which completely encircles Great Britain's Malta naval base and isolates the great French naval base of Bizerta on the African coast.

Flying columns of Italian native troops, including Libyan camel cavalry, were reported to be attacking the frontier defenses of Kenya and British Somaliland in East Africa while a fleet of 1,000 Italian planes scouted the African defenses of Britain and France.

The mining of the Mediterranean at its narrowest point was reported in an official announcement which said that the mine

### AUDITOR



B. N. (Pier) WILLIAMS, JR.

who was honored by Franklin County Citizens with the nomination for Auditor and County Accountant without opposition.

chain extended for 160 miles from the western point of Sicily to westward of Bizerta, reaching the African coast at a point near the border of Tunisia and Algeria.

Berlin, June 12.—German artillery opened up tonight on the long-quiet upper Rhine front—perhaps as the prelude to an effort to drive one last decisive wedge into France—while divisions of the Nazi center were smashing within 12½ miles of Paris along the Oise.

At the same time, the German west wing claimed to have knocked out an important French force on the English Channel, taking 20,000 prisoners.

The artillery action on the far east of the German line was discussed cautiously by an authorized spokesman only thusly:

"It may be that the front of the upper Rhine is being brought into motion."

The exact location of the firing and the French replies was not disclosed, the spokesman declining to elaborate beyond saying that wide rivers had been proved in the Polish, Dutch and Belgian campaigns to be no obstacles to the Germans.

### PLEASANTS DRUG STORE MOVED

F. R. Pleasants moved his drug store to the M. C. Pleasants Book Store on Market Street while the former location was undergoing repairs and remodeling. See his advertisement in another column.

### GLICKMAN MOVES

The Bargain Shoe Shop operated by Harry Glickman has moved its stock to the Wholesale-Burgess stand on Market Street where he is conducting a fire sale of salvaged goods. Look up his advertisement.

### War Summary

London—Britain rushes thousands of men, guns and tanks to aid hard-pressed French battling before the gates of Paris; air force carries war to northern Italy, Africa, Germany and against Germans in France; empire marshals war machines.

Cairo—Egypt breaks off diplomatic relations with Italy.

Valetta, Malta—New Italian air raids follow those which killed 30 civilians and injured 30 Tuesday.

Tours, France — Germans cross Marne at Chateau-Thierry; others drive to 20 miles from center of Paris; three main thrusts nearly complete half-circle about French capital; French defenders inflict great losses on Nazis.

Berlin—Germans claim their divisions are 12½ miles from Paris; report another French force blasted out of combat in channel drive; German artillery action on upper Rhine may be prelude to another drive.

Rome—Italians sow mines to halve Mediterranean; Allies bomb Milan, Turin, other industrial centers; Italian high command silent on operations; between 60 and 70 divisions mass on French frontier.

Ankara—Turkey, watching Russia, withholding action following Italy's entry.

Moscow—New Ambassadors from Italy, Britain and France arrive to woo Soviet Russia.

## FDR HIGHLIGHTS

Washington, June 10.—Here are some excerpts from President Roosevelt's address at Charlottesville, Virginia:

The government of Italy has now chosen to preserve what it terms its "freedom of action" and to fulfill what it states are its promises to Germany. In so doing it has manifested disregard for the rights and security of other nations, for the lives of the peoples of those nations which are directly threatened by this spread of the war.

I offered, in a message addressed to the chief of the Italian government, to send to the governments of France and Great Britain such specific indications of the desires of Italy to obtain readjustments with regard to her position as the chief of the Italian government might desire to transmit through me. Unfortunately, the chief of the Italian government was unwilling to accept the procedure suggested.

Let us not hesitate—all of us—to proclaim certain truths. Overwhelmingly we, as a nation, and this applies to all the other American nations, are convinced that military and naval victory for the gods of force and hate would endanger the institutions of democracy in the western world. And that equally, therefore, the whole of our sympathies lie with those nations which are giving their lifeblood in combat against those forces.

We send forth our prayers and our hopes to those beyond the seas who are maintaining with magnificent valor their battle for freedom.

Perception of danger to our institutions may come slowly or it may come with a rush and shock as it has to the public of the United States in the past few months. This perception of danger has come to us clearly and overwhelmingly; and we perceive the peril in a world-wide arena—an arena which may become so narrowed that only the Americans would retain the ancient faiths.

Some indeed may still hold to the now obvious delusion that we of the United States can safely permit the United States to become a lone island in a world dominated by the philosophy of force. Such an island may be the dream of those who still talk and vote as isolationists. Such an island represents to me and to the overwhelming majority of Americans today a helpless nightmare of a people without freedom.

In our American unity, we will pursue two obvious and simultaneous courses: We will extend to the opponents of force the material resources of this nation and, at the same time, we will harness and speed up the use of those resources in order that we ourselves in the Americas may have equipment and training equal to the task of any emergency and every defense.

## Lightning Kills Farmer In Home

James E. Leonard, of Near Warrenton, Dies Instantly; Funeral Monday

Warrenton, June 9.—James E. Leonard, age 25, was struck and killed by lightning at 4 o'clock at his home near Warrenton in the Oakville Macon section of Warren County on Saturday afternoon, during a severe storm.

Mr. Leonard was in the kitchen when the ball of lightning came through the closed back door. Mrs. Leonard was in the front part of the home and was stunned for several minutes. After recovering she went to look for her husband and found him barely breathing. He lived a few minutes.

The survivors are his wife, the former Miss Blanche Wood, of Warrenton, and a small son, Donald Wood; his parents and a number of sisters and brothers in Warren County.

Funeral rites were held Monday at 3 p. m. at the home of his father, T. C. Leonard, near Macon, and burial was in the Brame Cemetery. Surviving also are three brothers, O. C., R. C. and J. H. Leonard, all of Macon; and four sisters, Mrs. J. L. Painter, Miss Virginia Leonard, Mrs. Norman Armstrong, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Larry Nelms, of Red Oak.

## GETS POSITION WITH U. S. STEEL

Mr. Charles M. Gattis, Jr., who has recently graduated from the Ceramic Engineering Department at State College, Raleigh, has taken a position with the United States Steel Corporation in Chicago, in the Ceramic Laboratories. He is a son of Mr. Charles M. Gattis, of Louisville.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisville Theatre beginning Saturday, June 15th:

Saturday — Double feature—George O'Brien in "Marshall of Mesa City" and Hugh Herbert and Dennis O'Keefe in "La Conga Nights," also Chapter No. 8 "Drums of Fu Manchu."

Sunday-Monday — Alice Eaye, Don Ameche and Henry Fonda in "Lillian Russell."

Tuesday — Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Gaucha Sere-nade."

Wednesday — Richard Greene and Zorina in "I Was An Adventuress."

Thursday - Friday — Loretta Young and Ray Milland in "The Doctor Takes a Wife."

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## GRADUATES



MISS GERTRUDE FOSTER

Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., June 10.—Miss Gertrude Foster, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Foster, of Louisville, who was graduated last Monday from Meredith College at the close of the college's forty-first commencement program. Diplomas were awarded to 89 seniors following the baccalaureate address by Josiah W. Bailey, United States Senator from North Carolina.

Miss Foster received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in home economics. She was a member of the Home Economics Club, participated actively in the Baptist Training Union for four years, and won a place on the senior class hockey team.

## Mrs. G. D. Taylor Dead

Funeral services were conducted from the home in Louisville at 10:30 Tuesday morning for Mrs. Anna Collins Taylor 68 who succumbed to a short illness at Parkview Hospital in Rocky Mount at 8:17 Sunday night. The services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Phillips and burial was in the family plot in Castalia. Her husband the late George Dunham Taylor preceded her to the grave several years ago. She is survived by three daughters Mrs. George W. Weaver of Louisville, Mrs. Louis B. Peck of Albermarle and Mrs. George H. Bruton of Mt. Glead. Three sons George D. Taylor Jr., of Hickory, Jonah C. Taylor of Louisville and Greensboro, and William H. Taylor, of Louisville; Three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Goddard and Miss Fannie Davis, of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Clara Drake, of Nashville; Three brothers, Hampton and Joe Collins of Castalia and Howard Collins, of Rocky Mount.

The pallbearers were J. H. Boone, Sammie O'Neal, William Collins, Linwood Gupion, Eugene Collins, Gus Drake, Jr.

Quite a number attended both services and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty.

## Lightning Bolt Fatal to Farmer

Herman May, of Near Franklinton, Struck While in Field; Funeral Sunday

Franklinton, June 8.—Herman May, 29-year-old farmer living about three miles from town, was struck and instantly killed by lightning late Friday while plowing in a field near his home. His mule, also, was killed by the bolt.

May had almost completed his day's work, having only a few rows left to plow. Rain had not started and he decided to finish the field that afternoon.

May was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira May and is survived by his wife and a small daughter; one sister, Mrs. H. B. Kearney; and four brothers, Fred, Roy, Sanford and Otha, all of Franklinton.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Fairview Cemetery here Sunday at 4:30 o'clock with the Rev. S. E. Mercer of the Methodist Church in charge.

## SELLS INTEREST IN LUMBER CO.

Mr. Clyde Burgess announced the past week that he has sold his interests in the Burgess Lumber Co., of Louisville and Suffolk, Va., to the South Atlantic Lumber Co., of Greensboro. It is understood the lumber plant at Louisville will be continued.

Mr. Burgess says he has not decided at this time just what action for the future he will take but will probably continue his interest in the lumber trade in this section, announcing his future activity in the near future.

His many friends here will be glad to know it is not his intentions to leave Louisville.

## BRANTLEY HURLS WIN OVER LOUISBURG, 11-0

Pilot defeated Louisville, 11-6, Sunday afternoon. The locals made five runs in the first inning, but thereafter they were held in check by Brantley of the visitors. Batting leaders for Pilot were Stott, with a triple and a single for five, and Brantley, with a double and a single for five. Jack Mitchell paced Louisville. He hit a double and two singles.

## Telephone Service

An effort is now being made to get rural telephone service to all homes in the County who wish it. Already representatives of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., are in the County looking into this matter. Any person in the County wishing rural telephone service is invited to write and see A. F. Johnson, Editor of the FRANKLIN TIMES, and make such wishes known. If it is possible, to do so he will see that you get service. Write or see him at once.

## TO ISSUE BONDS

Make Wiring Amendment; Take Steps Regarding Employees and Accounts

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session June 7, at 7:30 p. m. All members were present except Mr. W. B. Barrow.

Mr. Hobart Roberson complained to the Board that a job of electric wiring had been done in the Fire District, and that this job did not meet the requirements of the National Electric Code and the Town Ordinance governing electric wiring. This complaint was referred to the Light & Water Committee for investigation and settlement.

The Board adopted the following amendment to section 19 of the Town Uniform Electrical Ordinance, by a unanimous vote: Amendment: "That minor changes in existing wiring within the Fire District may be done in approved flexible conduit, provided that such changes do not require a load necessitating a new circuit. All new circuits in new or existing wiring and buildings within the Fire District must be installed in rigid conduit."

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police, Tax Collector, Supt. of Light and Water Departments, and Town Clerk were read and approved.

The following motion was unanimously passed: "If it becomes necessary to employ a Town Engineer, Mr. F. N. Egerton will be given consideration for the position."

The Board adopted the following resolution: "That it is the sentiment of this Board, and hereby adopted as its policy, that all employees of the Town of Louisville be required to pay their just debts and obligations in so far as they are reasonably able to do so. That in the future upon complaint being made to this Board of any violation or infringement of this policy by any of its employees, that such employee be allowed a hearing before this Board to the end that such just, fair and proper action may be taken as the circumstances of each case may justify."

The Board agreed to permit the Louisville Chamber of Commerce to use the small office in the rear of the Franklin County Library, free of rent.

Commissioner P. W. Elam presented a Financial Statement to the Town Clerk. This Financial Statement was reviewed and studied by the Board, after which a Resolution and Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$7,000.00 Water and Electric Light Bonds were unanimously adopted by the Board.

The Board approved a number of invoices for payment and thereafter adjourned.

### NEW CONCERN

The Western Auto Supply Co., it is understood, has leased the building on Main Street recently vacated by the City Barber Shop and after remodeling and repairing same will open a line of automobile supplies and accessories.

### MOVES

The City Barbershop and Purgerson's Beauty Shop have moved to the vacant room adjoining White Furniture Store, recently remodeled. In the move many changes have been made to more thoroughly modernize these popular places.

## Tobacco Vote

Washington, June 12.—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace today stated definitely that the free-cured marketing referendum is being planned for July 20.

Pointing out that the date can not be set before July 1, Wallace nevertheless gave assurance that department officials are planning for the vote to be held July 20. This date, he said, is in accordance with the request of growers, warehousemen and business men in the free-cured area that the vote be held before the market opens.

Present stocks of free-cured tobacco make it certain that the total supply will exceed the quota level and that a referendum will be required, Wallace said.

The present stocks of bright tobacco are the largest on record as a result of the huge 1939 crop and sharply reduced exports. Present indications are that the July 1 carryover will be around 1,425,000,000 lbs.