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## BRITAIN MAY SPEED FORCES TO GREECE TO FIGHT NAZIS

### London Quarters Intimate Britain Will Not Give Up Bases In Greece Without Fight; Other Reports Say Greece Likely To Bow To Nazi 'Quick Peace' Demands

London, Feb. 20.—Britain may seek to transfer formidable land and air forces into Greece before Adolf Hitler can consolidate his Balkan diplomacy and move to force the Greeks into a dictated peace with Italy, it was intimated in British quarters last night.

Determined to keep their foothold in the Balkans, the British were reported in informed British quarters to be preparing to fight it out against the Germans on Greek territory, if necessary.

A canvas of Balkan envoys revealed growing belief that it may be a month or six weeks before Germany's Balkan army occupies Bulgaria and moves against Greece.

In the meantime, it was suggested, Hitler's army and air forces now established in Rumania may be used as a club for political pressure against Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey, seeking further concessions to the Axis.

If this pause occurs, it was pointed out, Britain will be able to transfer from the African front substantial forces, troops and planes to Greece, as well as supplies and equipment.

Belief appeared to be growing in London that Greece and Britain together were preparing to turn the Greek peninsula into a battleground if Hitler attempts to occupy the country and drive the British off the European continent.

There was no indication, however, of what measures Britain was prepared to take to keep Greece in the war or whether reinforcements of British troops, released from the North African front by the shattering of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's Italian army in Libya, would be shifted to Greece.

Most British informants contended that the Greeks had shown their mettle over great odds and would not be intimidated by what may be a Nazi ultimatum calling for peace with Italy. British, these informants added, will give the Greeks all possible help.

Balkan experts agreed that there might be serious complications to upset German plans within the next few weeks, but generally they expressed doubt that Britain could send to Greece sufficient forces to stop any big-scale German attack on Greece.

### Methodists To Observe March 2—Special Day

Charlotte.—More than nineteen hundred Methodist churches in North Carolina will participate in Methodism's national-wide observance of Day of Compassion on March 2. Special sermons and services will emphasize the extraordinary world situation. It is expected that North Carolina churches will contribute \$41,000 on this day as their share in the million dollar campaign to relieve human suffering in war-stricken areas and for special work at home.

One-half of the amount will be used for overseas relief in Europe and China. Assistance to the Mother Church in Britain will take one quarter of a million dollars. The remaining fourth million will be used in meeting the religious needs of youth in training under the Selective Service Act.

The million dollar emergency fund is being raised under the leadership of the Council of Bishops, and its use will be carefully guarded by the Emergency Commission, of which Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, Washington, D. C., is chairman. Plans have just been completed for Bishop Hughes to speak at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, on the Day of Compassion.

Favorable reports are being received indicating plans are already under way for this observance in many North Carolina churches, according to reports from Bishop Holt Hughes, who is chairman of the Emergency Commission.

The 1941 AAA program appears to be a success. The 10,000,000 acres of farm land in the United States are being planted in crops which will produce a bumper crop of food and fiber.

## World Day of Prayer To Be Held Feb. 28th

The World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 28, will be observed by church women here, who will unite in a prayer service in the Christian Church at two o'clock in the afternoon, with Miss Bettie Joyner presiding and the women from the various church societies taking part. The four special fields of work supported by the World Day of Prayer offering will be presented at this time.

Every one in the community is invited to attend and join with other voices in every land in the world on that day in special prayers that may ease from strife and the shedding of blood and turn their thoughts to nobler ways.

### Brief History.

As far back as 1887, Presbyterian women in the U. S. A. came together at the suggestion of Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, to pray for Home Missions. Interest in this Day of Prayer increased and through the efforts of Mrs. Henry W. Peabody and Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, the Foreign Mission forces chose a day for united prayer in the early nineties, and in 1920, both in Canada and the United States, church women of all denominations united in prayer, the first Friday in Lent being selected as the Day of Prayer for Missions.

In numberless places around the world, from missionaries returning from the homeland, the thought of a day of prayer spread until at the request of many far away friends, a World Day of Prayer was first observed in 1927. In 1936 Christians of more than fifty countries kept the day together.

### Sen. Davis Endorses.

Senator Davis of Pennsylvania said recently in regard to the observance of this day:

"On this, the World Day of Prayer, we should join with all thoughtful men and women everywhere who cherish these noble aspirations and warm sentiments. Let us continue to protect the eternal values of our public life which had their beginnings in the lives of men who believed that religion is the true basis of democracy and the only hope of lasting peace for our Republic."

### Lasts Forty Hours.

It is the symbol of this beautiful day of prayer throughout the world that it should need 40 hours to round out its cycle, instead of the usual 24! For Thursday night, as Americans shall be going to bed, a new day will be dawning in other lands where Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese, Germans, French, Americans, Spanish, English and others will meet to pray for peace between their beloved homelands. And then, far to the north, only 30 miles from the Arctic Circle, the World Day of Prayer will end in ice and snow on St. Lawrence Island, where the Indians and the Eskimos have been frozen in since last October, unable to receive even mail until next May. But the spirit of Jesus Christ knows no time limits, no climate limits—so that there will be light there with them when there is night here in America, and Eskimo women will be praying that the world may be bound together into a safer happier home for the children of men.

Therefore, in the warm consciousness of mutual concern one for the other, women all over the world will share in the sacred binding of themselves to God on this World Day of Prayer; that His Kingdom may come, and that His will may be done upon earth.

## Allotments Open For C. C. C. Boys

It was announced from the Department of Public Welfare today that an immediate allotment for the CCC camps would take place from February 18 to February 25. There will be openings only for white youths between the ages of 17 and 24 years. Therefore, men and women who are eligible should make application immediately to the Department of Public Welfare.

The allotment during the spring enrollment period which opens in June, July and August. The allotment for the State is approximately 400 and Pitt County probably has an opportunity to enroll several 4 and 10 white youths.

Each youth will receive \$30.00 a month. The allotment is in cash, \$15.00 a month. The allotment is an allowance to be used for clothing and other necessities each month.

## Bureau Seeks New Members

### Farm Bureau To Conduct County-Wide Campaign

Greenville, Feb. 20.—A large committee of Pitt County farmers has assumed the joint responsibility with every farmer and business man in the county to make a county-wide Farm Bureau membership drive during the week ending Saturday, February 22, 1941.

The directors of the Farm Bureau membership campaign are anxious to write a receipt for the membership fee for every farmer and business man in the county.

Membership fees may be handed to one of the following campaign directors: For Ayden township—J. D. Cannon, J. C. Whitehurst, Jack Quinerly; Beaver Dam—R. E. Willoughby, C. C. Harris, P. S. Rasberry; Belvoir—W. R. Holland, Dennis L. Harris, J. T. Dupree; Bethel—W. A. House, F. C. Martin, R. E. James; Carolina—A. L. Woolard, J. A. Tyson, G. W. Roebuck; Chicod—M. W. Smith, R. B. Wilson, J. J. Carroll; Falkland—J. C. Parker, G. H. Pitman, R. B. Tyer; Farmville—C. A. Tyson, S. T. Lewis, T. W. Lang; Fountain—J. A. Moore, Chas. Phillips, H. D. Jefferson; Greenville—R. E. Dudley, W. C. Vincent, C. A. Langley; Pactolus—J. B. Barnhill, J. B. Overton, W. C. Elks; Swift Creek—M. B. Hodges, J. L. Quinerly, E. W. Fleming; Winterville—L. H. Ellis, R. L. Worthington, C. C. Jackson.

Participation of farmers as members of the Farm Bureau organization and their membership fee are needed to enable the Farm Bureau whose new state secretary is the able and qualified Flake Shaw, a farmer of Guilford county, to continue striving in behalf of local and national legislation for the betterment of agriculture.

In becoming a member or in renewing membership in the Farm Bureau organization farmers are lending effort to the organization that has among others the following objectives:

1. Parity of income for agriculture in comparison with labor and industry and legislation that will accomplish this.
2. Federal appropriations for general farm AAA programs in the form of parity payments, conservation payments and vocational education and other farm needs as they arise.
3. Peanut marketing quotas and proper legislation in relation to the peanut crop.
4. Additional legislation for tobacco and cotton in regard to increased loans from the present 75 per cent of parity to 85 per cent or 100 per cent of parity for cotton and 100 per cent of parity for tobacco.
5. Use of appropriation for the expansion of foreign markets and use of our agricultural products.

Farmers are urged to look up one of the membership campaign directors and give him their membership fee sometime this week, because this is the time set aside for this job. urtyongli

## Income Tax Assistant To Be Here Feb. 24th

### Mr. J. C. Herring, of the State Revenue Department, Will Be at City Hall on Above Date

Any person subject to filing either or both of the following tax returns must file such returns with the Department of Revenue on or before March 15, 1941, and pay the tax due thereon.

## Income Tax

Any unmarried man or woman, either married or unmarried having an income of \$1,000 or more during the year 1940, and any married man having an income of \$2,000 or more must file an income tax return.

Intangible Personal Property Tax. Any person owning on December 31, 1940 any Intangible Personal Property, such as: Money on Hand, Accounts Receivable, Notes, Bonds, Mortgages, or other evidences of debt, or Shares of Stock must file an intangible tax return.

Mr. J. C. Herring, Deputy Commissioner, will be in the office of the City Hall at Farmville on the 24th day of February, 1941, for the purpose of assisting the taxpayers in filing their State Tax returns. Be sure to see him.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Thomas Emmet, M. D.  
Pitt County Health Officer.

## FARMS

American farms decreased in number but increased in acreage during the drought and depression decade of 1930-40, according to U. S. Census Bureau figures.

## Local Business Men Make Plans For Dollar Day

### The Board of Directors of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association met in regular monthly session on Tuesday night at the Farmville Federal Home with S. A. Garris, President, presiding.

A committee, consisting of Eli Joyner, Jr., Frank Williams, W. H. Fisher, Ernest Pettaway and G. A. Rouse, was named to make plans for Farmville's annual Dollar Day which has been tentatively set for March 14.

There followed a discussion of a closing hour for Saturday nights. It was decided to submit a questionnaire regarding stores being closed by 10:00 P. M.

The President advised his committee to get together relative to employing an all year round publicity man, whose duties would be combined with those of the tobacco market Sales Supervisor.

## January Report Of The Pitt County Health Department

The chief activities of the Pitt County Health Department during the month of January were: quarantine against measles, school inspection work, cafe, meat market and dairy inspections, venereal disease control and maternal and infant welfare work.

Measles assumed epidemic proportions during January in which month 201 cases were reported, against no cases for January 1940. In the matter of tuberculosis, there were nine cases reported in January, 1941. It is probable that the tuberculosis clinic held in December accounts for the unusually large number of cases reported in January. However, the fact of this clinic should not be considered as in any way minimizing the seriousness of the tuberculosis problem in Pitt County. In our opinion, the only answer to this problem is a local tuberculosis sanatorium.

Diphtheria cases in January 1940 were 5 against 3 in January 1941. There was no typhoid fever in January 1941 nor in January 1940.

The Health Department Nurses made 3,852 school inspections for minor contagious diseases, such as pediculosis and scabies.

In connection with the sanitary inspection work, I desire to inform you that Mr. J. H. Moore, Sanitary Officer for Pitt County, resigned as of January 1st, at the suggestion of the State Board of Health, in order that he might be put in charge of the acute sanitation problem at Holly Ridge. Mr. Moore was succeeded by Mr. T. W. Bivens of Stanley County, North Carolina. I bespeak for Mr. Bivens your cordial support which I am sure you give him.

Both the County and the City of Greenville Sanitary Officers have pushed cafe, meat market and dairy inspections energetically and with a measure of success. The Pitt County Community Sanitation Project has again been postponed due to a shortage of W. P. A. carpenters.

The State-Pitt County monthly Orthopaedic Clinic held in the Health Department Offices, had an attendance of 42 patients in January, 1941 as compared with 35 in January 1940. Almost without exception, this clinic runs to full capacity and brings to Pitt County specialized medical service appreciated by physicians and patients alike.

The attendance at the venereal disease clinic in December was 1,052 against 1,292 for January. While this increase is encouraging, it is not entirely satisfactory. We have requested the Venereal Disease Division of the State Board of Health to give us a follow-up worker with the idea of building up our clinic attendance.

The attendance at the maternal and infant welfare clinics, like the attendance at the Orthopaedic Clinics, is usually at full capacity. The attendance at the Maternal and Infant welfare clinics in January 1940 was 134 patients, while in January 1941, the attendance was 154 patients, or an increase of about 15%. As we have stated on previous occasions, the popularity of Maternal and Infant clinics is largely due, in our opinion, to the competent, sympathetic, understanding work of the physicians and the faithful follow up work of the Health Department Nurses.

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## BUTTER

Production of creamery butter appears to be dropping gradually to last year's level, according to latest figures of the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

## New Cotton Plan Is Outlined Here

### All Southern States To Participate In New 'Live-at-Home' Program

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Keeping step with a movement that will be started throughout every cotton growing State of the South, agricultural workers in North Carolina soon will begin an effort to have all cotton growers cooperate in the new cotton supplemental program and the production of gardens and other food and feed crops.

The new effort will have the active support of all agencies supported wholly or in part by the Federal Department of Agriculture and will include, among others, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Farm Credit Administration, Land Use Planning, and the Agricultural Extension Service.

Meeting yesterday in the State College Y. M. C. A. auditorium, representatives of these farm agencies outlined plans for beginning the work in North Carolina. By next Thursday if possible, teams of men and women will begin to explain the program in every county of the State. The new program will be administered by the AAA through the College Extension Service being in charge of the educational work and the other agencies closely cooperating.

In the main, the movement will have for its purpose the explaining of how each cotton grower may qualify for his proportionate share of the stamps which will enable him to buy cotton goods such as sheets, shirts, dress goods, pillow cases, overalls, etc., for reducing his planted acreage under his 1940 planted acreage or 1941 allotment, whichever is smaller. The plan provides that tenants can receive \$25 worth of the stamps per family and the landowner with two or more tenants can receive up to \$50 worth.

By agreeing to reduce cotton acreage to receive the stamps, the cooperating cotton grower will in no way impair his future allotments. The new program is simply a supplemental effort to the present AAA conservation plan, and is financed from funds provided by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

The Surplus Marketing Administration has had experience in handling the stamp plan and has found that this is an excellent method of reducing surplus holdings of farm produce.

The new plan goes farther than the reduction of existing stores of cotton. Those who qualify for the cotton stamps by reducing their acreage under what was planted in 1940, also may receive a payment for producing and conserving food supplies. A payment of \$150 per farm garden already is allowed by the AAA in North Carolina. An additional \$2 per family can be earned by growing additional garden produce or storing food products or planting small fruits to add to the family food supply. This payment will not be made except to those who cooperate in the cotton stamp plan.

In the discussion at State College yesterday, it was brought out that this new effort is a war emergency measure which will have for its purpose security for the cotton farmer against continued loss of his export markets. The State may again relieve the old "live-at-home program" of Governor Gardner's administration which did so much to relieve conditions during the early days of the depression. This time, however, the North Carolina plan will be carried to the whole South and will have behind it the powerful resources of the Federal Department of Agriculture and its several agencies.

## C. C. Simpson Made Assistant Cashier

C. C. Simpson, teller at the Bank of Farmville since 1936 was made an assistant cashier at the last meeting of the Bank's Board of Directors. Mr. Simpson is held in high regard by both the Bank force and patrons, and is receiving congratulations of friends at this advancement. J. M. Stansill, who has been assistant cashier for several years continues to serve the Bank in that capacity also.

The Bank of Farmville will be closed Saturday, February 22, in observance of Washington's birthday.

## Rev. W. C. Royal Bringing Inspiring Messages To Large Congregations Twice Daily

The revival meeting, which began in the Baptist Church Monday, February 17, will be continued through Friday, February 23, according to the pastor, Rev. E. B. Kordham, who reports that great interest is being manifested in the series and that attendance is good.

The Rev. William C. Royal, of Frederick, Md., has been delivering two inspiring Gospel messages daily at the thirty minute service held each morning at 9:30 and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The visiting minister, a North Carolinian by birth, and a former resident of this section, is a well informed and a fervent speaker, and has been warmly received both by the Baptist congregation and the community.

The services with John H. Holmes as director and Mrs. Arthur

## BAILEY URGES INTERVENTION TO HELP BRITAIN CRUSH AXIS

### Final Rites Held Saturday For David F. Lang Here

### Prominent Merchant of Farmville Succumbs to Illness of Ten Days Duration

Funeral services for David F. Lang, a prominent merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Farmville were conducted from the home of a sister, Mrs. B. S. Smith, Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of the Christian Church, and Rev. J. B. Roberts, Primitive Baptist minister. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery beneath a large floral tribute. Favorite hymns were sung by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holmes, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt and E. C. Holmes.

Mr. Lang succumbed to subsequent paralytic strokes at the Pitt General Hospital in Greenville, at one o'clock Friday afternoon, February 14, following an illness of ten days.

Mr. Lang was born July 30, 1880, the son of the late Robert J. and Louisa Lang. He was a native of Pitt county and spent his entire life in this section. He was the senior member of the mercantile firm of D. F. & R. O. Lang, which was established here twenty-nine years ago. Prior to this business connection Mr. Lang was a Fountain merchant.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Cora L. Barrett, Mrs. B. S. Smith, of Farmville, and Mrs. Ben May of Sanford; three brothers, W. C. Lang, of Wilmer, Ala., R. O. and T. W. Lang, of Farmville, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were nephews; R. O. Lang, Jr., Earl Lang, Robert Lee Smith, Gray Fields, R. G. Barrett and Fred May.

Honorary: J. H. Harris, T. C. B. O., W. J. D. L., and L. E. Turnage, B. M., Jack, and J. B. Lewis, G. A. Rouse, A. W. Bobbitt, R. A., Dr. C. C. John B., J. W., and A. F. Joyner, W. A., and J. O. Pollard, Dr. D. S. Morrill, W. A. McAdams, T. M., and Luther Dail, A. C. Monk, Sr., and Jr., J. M. Stansill, L. E. Waleston, Dr. P. E. Jones, J. R., and B. L. Lang, Floyd King, W. A., and Edgar Barrett, Joel, and L. A. Mays, M. Lites, L. P. Thomas, J. E., J. H. J., T. Thorne, W. G. Ward, R. A. and W. D. Fields, R. E. Belcher, Dr. W. M. and W. R. Hardy, A. A. May, J. W. Holmes, Carl McKeel, J. T. Bundy, J. W. Hardy, and L. T. Pierce.

R. A. Fountain, M. D. Yelverton, and George Jefferson, of Fountain; W. O. Bilbro, J. H. Harrell and Knott Proctor, of Greenville; John Staton, of Bethel; D. E. Ogleby, of Kingston, W. H. Sharpe, of Wilson.

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Byrnes argued that his amendment would tighten the legislative grip on the President's contractual authority, but Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R.-Mich.), protested that the revision would weaken the \$1,300,000,000 limitation, approved by the House and Senate foreign relation committee, on the amount of war materials which could be transferred from stocks on hand and on order in this country.

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## Westminster Choir Adds More American Music To Program

European concert audiences, used to the choral classics presented superlatively well amidst historic surroundings, have taken to their hearts the choral music of America as sung on tour by the famous Westminster Choir, appearing in Greenville on Thursday evening, February 27 at eight o'clock in the Wright Memorial auditorium of East Carolina Teachers College.

Dr. Williamson, director of the vocal ensemble, discovered such an interest in American music among Continental audiences during the last tour of the choir that he found himself adding more and more American music to his programs. The Negro spirituals, songs and chants of the American Indians, and folk music of Stephen C. Foster captured the immediate fancy of all audiences abroad. Consequently, Dr. Williamson is anxious to maintain this interest, and has expressed a hope that American composers will cooperate with him.

F. Joyner at the organ, has added spirit and inspiration to the evening meetings.

Successful management is the art of showing prospects how they can make money by buying what you have to sell.

## North Carolina Senator Ready To Fight, If Necessary - Features Day's Debate

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey, (D.-N.C.), today advocated United States intervention in the European war and told the Senate that if passage of President Roosevelt's British aid bill means war, "I am ready to go."

He said during the third day of debate on the measure that the bill "is not neutrality," but "is intervention." He conceded that the Axis powers may regard the legislation "as an act of war, but they do not attack because of provocation."

"My judgment is that they will fight in this country when they think they can whip us and not before," he said. "If we were as peaceful as lambs and as calm as doves—if we appease them with everything we have—they will not hesitate to attack us when they think the time is ready."

He recalled that he had supported the neutrality act and said he now is recommending its repeal.

"I am advocating intervention with all its implications," Bailey said. "I am not going to draw back—I am not going to hedge."

Before an overflow crowd which spilled into a section reserved for diplomats, Bailey banged his desk and declared "there is a great deal of probability that war is coming, whichever way we go." He said he did not know whether the triple alliance would declare war on the United States if the aid bill is passed.

To Last Man.

"But if anybody asks me what we're going to do if Germany and Japan declare war on us, I'll tell them we're going to the last man, the last dollar and the last drop of blood," he shouted.

He "seriously questioned" whether American soldiers would be needed in the Battle of Britain, explaining that the conflict was being fought in the air and on the sea. He argued that the best way of removing the threat of war from this country was to give all-out aid to Britain and her allies.

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