

BLUM AVOWS FRANCE WILL NOT BE DRAWN INTO WAR

Situation In East Grows Menacing; Italy Is Defiant

British Cabinet Set For Changes

Next Premier Of France Desires "To Live In Peace With All"

(By Associated Press) Leon Blum, the man who will be premier of France, served implied notice on Europe today that his incoming leftist government "will not be drawn into a war of propaganda or reprisal" with nations like Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

Addressing the American club in Paris he avowed France's desire to "live in peace with all" but said his country "of course would be inclined to more friendly relations with nations having a like ideal of social justice."

War Debt Again

As for the American war debt Blum said France believed the question wiped out and deplored what he called the tragic international misunderstanding over the issue.

Troops marched again in the far east, the League of Nations lost another member and rumors of British cabinet changes flew today. Japan's army landed 7,000 troops in China, reinforcing its Tientsin and Peiping garrisons. The Chinese, fearful that Italy's Ethiopian victory had spurred new Japanese dreams of conquest, predicted a new campaign for the ultimate seizure of China.

Gautemala which had participated little in affairs at Geneva of late informed the League it was following the example of Germany and Japan.

British Cabinet

The British cabinet with one of its members now being named at a judiciary inquiry into a budget leakage, was reported in some quarters.

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Plans Completed For Convention; Democrats Ready

Final plans were being made today to entertain a large crowd of representative Democrats from all parts of the county here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 when the county convention gets under way for the transaction of business and to hear the keynote address.

Attorney D. Z. Newton, former state senator will deliver the address to the delegates who were chosen last week in all the precincts. Many other visitors are expected to be present at the meeting as a number of interesting events will transpire.

Elect Delegates

Delegates to the state convention will be elected who will go to Raleigh on June 12.

For the first time, women will take an active part in the leadership, as a woman was chosen either chairman or vice-chairman in each precinct last week.

Following the convention the executive committee will meet for the election of new officers. Oliver Anthony is present chairman, Mrs. C. C. Carpenter of Kings Mountain, vice chairman and C. C. Horn, secretary-treasurer.

The fact that the county has this year a governor in the state race is expected to be a great drawing card for the meeting. It is hoped Mr. Hoey can be here, but leaders said today they are not certain he can appear.

Capt. Woltz To Speak Tonight At Eight

Capt. Claude B. Woltz, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district will speak in the court house here tonight at 8 o'clock. Capt. Woltz has been a lawyer for 16 years, securing a license upon his return from France, where during the World War he commanded the 316th Supply Company, attached to the 81st Division. Three years ago he was Judge Advocate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of this state.

Boiling Springs Hope For Future Hang In Balance

Trustees, Board To Meet Monday

Standardizing Agency Submits Requirements That Must Be Met.

Boiling Springs junior college will be at the cross roads of its three decades of educational service in Cleveland county next Monday when the board of trustees and the general board of the Kings Mountain Association meet at the college at 10 o'clock.

Whether the school can be continued another year in a way to meet standards submitted this week by the state department and the southern association of schools and colleges will be considered in the joint meeting.

The Standard.

The requirements given by the standardizing agency through Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent, James Hillman of the division of professional service and J. Henry Highsmith of the division of instructional service certify that the college must:

- 1—Have an assured income of \$5,000 per year and above.
- 2—Have a full time librarian, with certificate in library science, and a library meeting the technical requirements of a junior college.
- 3—Have other laboratory equipment costing at least \$2,000.
- 4—Pay teachers a salary at least 25 percent above the state rate for the certificate they now hold, and that only 30 percent of the salary can be discounted by room and board.
- 5—Have a faculty in which the

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Farm Spotlight Turned On Cows; Plan Big Meet

Interest in better dairying will replace the new farm program in the agricultural spotlight in this county next week when state and national specialists meet at the farm of George L. Hamrick for a countywide conference.

County agent John S. Wilkins said today he has sent invitations to a number of leading dairymen in this and adjoining counties, and that all other persons who are interested in breeding good dairy cattle are invited.

Among the specialists who will be here are: J. A. Arey, of State College, Raleigh; Lawrence Gardner, of the American Jersey Cattle Association in New York; Supervisor C. L. Wintermyer of the federal bureau of dairying in Washington, D. C.; and Jack Nesbitt of Hoards Dairyman, Inc. in Wisconsin.

The meeting will be at 2 o'clock Monday May 18. Mr. Hamrick's farm is about eight miles west of Shelby on Highway No. 20.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, May 15.—The advance of 3 to 16 points yesterday with largest gains in new crop was due to continued foreign buying in distant months accelerated by broadening in demand, probably for speculative account and covering. The rapid movement of 12c loan cotton points to the possibility that supplies of desirable cotton will be inadequate before new crop cotton is available. Should such conditions arise the discounts of new crops undoubtedly would soon disappear. We believe advance is likely to carry further. E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot ----- 11 1/2 to 12 3/4
Cotton seed, wagon, ton ---- \$29.00
Cotton seed, car lot, ton ---- \$32.00

Close on New York cotton for today: Jan. 10.44, Mar. 10.46, May 11.63, July 11.38, Oct. 10.49, Dec. 10.47.

Healthiest Boys And Girls Chosen By 4H Clubs In Cleveland County



Above are the healthiest boys and girls in Cleveland county, found by a series of tests and elimination trials this week. Herbert Humphries and Alice Falls are King and Queen.

They are: First row, left to right Faye Cornwell, Fallston; Frances Beam, Waco; Mary Edith Murray, Waco; Hal Dedmon, Fallston; Alice

Seniors Class Turns Closing Leaf At Graduation Tonight

Summary Of History Of Progress Of Education To Be Given By High-Ranking Members; Other Features

The last leaf of an eleven year calendar will be turned tonight at the Shelby high school auditorium and school officials, parents and undergraduates watch 78 seniors march through their final paces to give the closing program and receive the awards and diplomas they have earned.

Following out a practice inaugurated here several years ago, the seniors will, for the most part, be in charge of the graduating exercises, and will furnish a substitute for the usual literary address.

The Program

A procession, "March from Aida" by Mrs. Charles Austell will begin the program, followed by invocation by Ralph Roberts and a chorus by senior girls.

The theme, "One Hundred Years of Progress in North Carolina Education" will be pursued by high-ranking members of the class. The president's address will be by N. C. Blanton; legislative and legal provision by Jeanette Post; the Academy by Evans Lackey; the Rise and Contribution of the City School, written by Aileen Lowman and spoken by Edwin Spangler; the Teacher, by Helen Carrick; Looking Ahead, by John Dorsey.

Other Features

Other features will be a piano duo, "Melody in F" by Germaine

Registration Climbs; Hope For 10,000 Hoey Votes In County

Registration is climbing in Cleveland county and from indications the largest vote ever cast in Cleveland will be cast on June 6th. Hoey supporters who come from every walk of life are unanimous in their endeavor to give him a 10,000 vote in his native county. Ordinarily around 8,000 votes are cast in the June primary in Cleveland.

A keen interest is being manifested in registering, especially on the part of women who have not heretofore participated in elections. It was Mr. Hoey who fought for the right of woman suffrage when it was an unpopular move. Scores of them have volunteered their services to work in his headquarters here, sending out general literature and in making personal appeals to women, not accustomed to voting, to register for this election and vote

PWA And RA Will Be Continued On Work Relief Fund

Municipal Projects Would Qualify

Must Conform To Requirement That Workers Be Taken From Relief Rolls.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—President Roosevelt said today the public works and resettlement administrations would be continued on a somewhat smaller scale under the pending \$1,425,000,000 work relief appropriation.

Responding to questions at his press conference the president said certain municipal projects which have been carried out by Secretary Ickes' PWA in the past would qualify under the new relief bill. Harry L. Hopkins' WPA would furnish 45 percent of the funds to pay the labor he said while the 55 percent loan would come out of the PWA revolving fund available for loans through the Reconstruction Corporation's scale of municipal securities, the proceeds of which are turned over to PWA.

The relief fund is in the \$2,364,229,712 deficiency appropriation bill, now before the senate appropriations committee. Ickes was scheduled to testify today but the committee session was postponed until this afternoon.

The committee has before it demands that funds go both to Ickes' PWA organization and Rexford G. Twagwell's resettlement administration.

The president emphasized that such municipal projects as he mentioned were to conform to the requirement that workers be taken from relief rolls. He said PWA would certify how many men were needed for a particular job and WPA would investigate to see if such workers were available in the locality. If so, WPA would approve the project and pay the weekly payroll.

Resettlement May "Fold Up" If Aid Not Given Soon

Statement in Washington yesterday by Rexford G. Twagwell, Resettlement Administration leader, indicated that his entire organization will "fold up" if some more money is not forthcoming immediately.

The probable effect this move would have on Cleveland county is that the resettlement offices would be discontinued or the work drastically curtailed. There are now about 100 farm families being supervised according to approved practices and are in the midst of getting crops and gardens planted for this year.

At the capital Twagwell, appearing at an executive session of the senate appropriations subcommittee, testified that his Resettlement Administration would have to wind up its affairs after July 1 unless new funds were forthcoming. Simultaneously, eight agrarian senators intimated to the committee they would carry the issue to President Roosevelt unless action was taken elsewhere.

A mile and a half removed, Secretary Ickes told newsmen he would testify tomorrow. The committee has before it an amendment by Senator Hayden, Democrat of Arizona, to expand the relief-deficiency bill by \$700,000,000 to be given to Ickes' PWA. At the same time, Ickes said that if \$75,000,000 was given his organization, he would not have to carry out a proposed slash of 25 per cent in his administrative staff.

New Telephone Book Due Out On July 1

A new telephone directory for Shelby, Kings Mountain, Grover and Waco systems operated by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., is due to be issued about July 1st, it is learned from Manager Sam Gault of the local exchange.

Awards were made to Virginia Bridges, salutatory; Jack Holland, valedictory; Geraldine McCraw, high school reader; Robert Morgan, high school declaimer; Maida Greene, elementary reader; Bobby Jones, elementary declaimer. Graduation certificates have been given to 40 pupils in the two townships qualifying them for entrance into high school next year.

Special music for the exercises was furnished by the county championship glee club under the direction of Miss Tillie Jenks. Hugh Dover, Kyle Davis, James DeBrew and Joe Jones sang "Old Man Noah."

Prowler At Mansion

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15.—(P)—Armed with a pistol Governor Johnston held a prowler at bay at 2:30 A. M. until Mrs. Johnston summoned two city policemen to the mansion. The policemen arrested John Washington, 30, negro, who was sentenced to 35 days or \$30 in the city court today on charges of drunkenness, petty larceny and loafing and loitering.

Clyde Hoey And Sandy Graham Show Gains In Straw Ballots; Trend Is Away From McDonald

Shelby Candidate Records 2 1/2 Percent Gain In Week; Nearly 12,000 Votes Now In Poll; Summaries Given

Trends towards Clyde R. Hoey and away from Dr. Ralph W. McDonald were registered this week in the 24-newspaper straw vote in which 4,000 extra ballots were tabulated. Nearly 12,000 votes are now in the poll.

The shift in the voting gave Mr. Hoey a 2 1-2 gain on the leader. He actually gained 1.1 percent; Sandy Graham gained 6-10 of one percent and Dr. McDonald slipped back 1.4 percent. J. A. McRae also slipped, losing 3-10 of one percent of the total.

C. A. Paul, special writer for this district gives the following results on the 11,799 votes tabulated.

McDonald	5,600
Hoey	4,116
Graham	1,874
McRae	209

The percentage standings of the four candidates and their relative positions one week ago today follow:

Hoey	Graham	McDonald	McRae
Now	34.9	16	47.4
Week ago	33.8	15.4	48.8

Although McDonald slipped in the percentages, he increased the number of counties in which he is leading from 53 to 58. The other candidates and number of counties in which they are leading are: Hoey, 34; Graham, 5; McRae, 1; McDonald and Hoey are tied for the possession of two counties, Tyrrell and Randolph.

A comparison of the candidates' strength in the east and in the west reveals that McDonald is still poll-

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Southern Baptist Body Tables Act For Social Work

ST. LOUIS, May 15.—(P)—For the second consecutive year, the Southern Baptist convention late yesterday voted against a survey of social and economic conditions in the South.

A report of a special committee, headed by the Rev. Dr. Edwin McNeil Postel, jr., of Raleigh, N. C., which would have authorized the convention's social service commission to undertake the study, was tabled on a standing vote. The exact number voting for and against tabling was not stated.

The report contained no specific mention of problems which the same committee, last year at the annual convention in Memphis, had suggested in recommending the creation of a bureau of social research. The Memphis report was sidetracked after spirited discussion, the committee being instructed to study the question and report again this year.

All recommendations in the annual report of the social service commission, including one that asked all churches and ministers to "abstain at all costs from borrowing money from the government" that the freedom of religion be not endangered, were adopted.

But there was much argument before a section of the recommendations pledging the convention as opposed to any but defensive wars engaged in by the United States was approved.

Fear Small Grain Yields May Be Cut 50% In Cleveland County

Grave fear that the wheat and oats crops in Cleveland county will be cut as much as 50 percent were expressed here today.

Extended dry weather over a long period is given as the main cause for the expected cut. Many farmers were saying that if rain doesn't come soon, the fields of grain may be cut for hay and seed again either to corn or legume crops. Nearly 200,000 bushels of wheat was harvested in the county last year.

With harvest time only a month away, much of the wheat is hardly starting to "shoot" and there is such a lack of moisture, if it does succeed in heading it will be stunted and faulty grain will result.

Stolen Baseballs Are Ticket To Jail

Copping baseballs knocked over the fence has long been a practice of small boys who present them at the gate for free admission.

A couple of baseballs were this morning free admittance to the Cleveland county jail and three months on the roads for Eli Black, colored man who is alleged to have stolen a large number of over-the-fence balls from the Cloth Mill this year.

He was caught in the act last night and part of the expensive balls recovered. Elbert Johnson, negro youth will face Juvenile Judge A. M. Hamrick tomorrow on a similar larceny charge.