

# LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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## FOR STRONGER DEFENSE CONGRESS MOVES FAST. JUST A WARNING MIGHT MEAN A WAR. AN ECONOMIC UNION. TO MEET HITLER'S BARTER. REPUBLICANS IN SESSION.

National defense, and the issues that arise out of the war in Europe, engage the attention of the nation's capital almost to the exclusion of every other subject. The national convention and domestic issues alike fail to remove the spotlight from the rapid-fire preparations now underway to make this country strong enough to defend itself against any attack.

So fast is Congress voting to authorize and appropriate for defense measures that it is almost impossible to keep up with the increased strength that will ultimately make the army, navy and air force ready to fight. What looks like a reasonable navy bill goes through the Congress and before the ink is dry on the President's signature the houses turn their attention to a measure to enlarge the navy. The same is true of other programs.

An example of this is seen in what happened to the naval program on Monday and Tuesday of last week. On Monday the chairman of the Naval Affairs committee introduced identical bills, providing for 84 new fighting ships in four years, which would increase the Navy to 618 vessels, far larger than the present British navy and about on a par with the British fleet now building.

The next day, Tuesday, the House Naval committee, recommended a \$4,000,000,000 "additional" plan after receiving details from Admiral Stark that morning. This would take seven years to build, comprised 200 combat ships and would raise the total number of ships to 738. Apparently, these estimated figures take into consideration the fact that some ships, now in being, will be out of service in seven years.

The illustration given indicates the inability of any writer to outline the full extent of the nation's program for defense. Just as the naval program is in a state of flux, with additions coming up every week, the army and air forces planned are subject to constantly increasing plans. Frankly, there is no way to tell how much defense we will get until the Congress gets through with preparedness legislation but, whatever the final program is, we will not have too much in view of the perilous world situation.

By a vote of 76 to 0 the Senate reaffirmed the Monroe Doctrine and the House followed suit by a vote of 382 to 8. The joint resolution served notice that the United States would refuse to recognize change of title from one European nation to another of "any geographic region in the Western Hemisphere." This is plain notice to the totalitarian powers that, regardless of the outcome of the war in Europe, they cannot secure any spoils in this hemisphere. It means, if it means anything, that prevent the seizure of territory in this hemisphere.

The resolution undoubtedly has the support of the vast majority of the people of the United States but, just the same, it is no stronger than the armed forces behind it. The attempt of Germany, Italy, Japan or Spain to secure territories in South or Central America would be considered an act of war and inasmuch as the present world outlook indicates that these four countries may try to spread their empires in this direction it is quite probable that the United States will have to use force to make good the resolution of Congress.

An economic union between North and South America is being considered as a means to prevent totalitarian powers in this region, where it is recognized that such a development would be followed by political consequences of the gravest kind. Under discussion is a \$2,000,000,000 corporation to exert almost complete control over the exports of surplus commodities from North and South American countries.

The idea behind the move is that Germany, in control of Europe's economic resources, may attempt to dictate the terms under which any Western Hemisphere products can be used in Europe. Using the barter system and forcing other countries to accept German manufactured goods in exchange for their products, Hitler hopes to be able to dispose of the surplus products of German industry. This will eliminate competition in the nations that accept his barter arrangement and give Germany an outlet for goods that will keep her industrial machinery operating.

The world picture is complicated by the fact that exports of the South American countries may conflict with farm products of the United States. This situation is to be met by provision to prevent competition in this country with domestically produced commodities. The American republicans would cooperate to maintain an equality with Germany in the matter of trade because it is certain if Germany conquers Europe, she will attempt to completely dominate trade between that continent

and this hemisphere. The Republicans in Philadelphia face difficult political questions, including the business of selecting a nominee. As this is being written, before the convention begins, nobody knows who the nominee will be, or how long it will take to name him. The platform framers have a hard job to outline a program that will meet the needs of the day and enthruse the voters. World problems, involving the United States, have given less importance to domestic issues and on world problems the G. O. P. is not unanimous.

Early indications were that the platform committee might pass up any attempt to state a definite position in regards to international affairs but last week former Governor Landon of Kansas, advocated an anti-Hitler plank. This will embarrass some isolationist members of the party but, with the present temper of the people, it will strengthen the party platform. Of course, we cannot forecast what the convention will do but it is safe to assume that the administration will be denounced for waste, extravagance and a failure to alleviate unemployment and that the nation will be assured that the Republican party should be put into office to do the national work much better.

## Edith Blount Skinner Wed In Elizabeth City

A quiet wedding of beauty and simplicity took place Saturday evening at 7 o'clock in the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, when Miss Edith Blount Skinner, daughter of the late Mr. Edmond Blount and Edith Newbold Skinner of Hertford, became the bride of Mr. Anthony Skipper, Jr., of Somerville, Conn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Skipper, Sr. The vows were spoken in the presence of an assemblage of close friends and relatives with the Rev. H. K. King, pastor of the church, performing the impressive ring ceremony.

Just before the ceremony, Miss Margaret Spruill, organist, of Elizabeth City, played Schubert's "Serenade" and "Indian Love Call" after which Mr. Charles N. Wright, cousin of the bride, sang Bond's "I Love You Truly." During the ceremony the organist played softly "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms."

The bride entered with her uncle, Mr. J. Russell Jarvis, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a lovely dress of dusty rose chiffon with white accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of Better Time roses.

Miss Louise Wilhite, of Portsmouth, Va., was maid of honor. She wore a dress of white sharkskin with accessories to match. Her shoulder corsage was of Talisman roses.

Mr. Skipper had as his best man Mr. R. R. Belanger, of Norfolk, Va.

The bride's traveling dress was dark blue triple sheer crepe with white accessories.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. J. Russell Jarvis, aunt of the bride and with whom she has made her home for the last four years, entertained at a buffet supper at her home on West Main Street.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. K. R. Newbold, Mrs. C. T. Skinner and Mrs. E. B. Cox, of Hertford; Mrs. C. A. Wright and Mr. Charles N. Wright, of Jarvisburg; Miss Louise Wilhite and Mr. Rhubert Barnes, of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. D. Graff, Mr. L. E. Maxson and Mr. R. R. Belanger, of Norfolk, Va.

## WHITESTON NEWS

Mae Talmadge and Janice Smith, of West Norfolk, Va., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lane last week.

Miss Lucille Lane and William Winslow visited Mrs. J. W. Stallings at Belcross, and Miss Edna Winslow, a patient in Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverette Winslow and son, of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winslow and children and Mrs. Beatrice Jordan, of Bagley Swamp, visited relatives here Sunday evening.

Lealie Winslow was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Adba Winslow.

Kenneth Winslow, of Norfolk, Va., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Winslow, of near Belvidere, visited friends in the community Sunday afternoon.

## NEW HOPE NEWS

Miss Rebecca Webb, who is attending summer school at Wake Forest College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards and children, Billie and Mark Wood, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spencer, Sunday.

Mrs. Fleetwood Sawyer, of Montgomery, Ala., left Thursday to re-

turn to her home after spending two weeks with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Pattie Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Umphlett, of Hertford, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodman, Sunday.

Jacola and Mac Ward, of Edenton, spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. David Newby and daughter, Geraldine, spent the week-end with Mr. Newby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Newby.

Miss Jessie Mae Banks and Johnny Hancock, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with Miss Bank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Benson returned from Swan Quarter Tuesday night. They attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Mary Benson, on Monday.

Among those from here who attended the funeral of E. S. Pierce were Mrs. E. G. Banks, Mrs. S. D. Banks, Mrs. T. A. Hurdle, Mrs. R. D. Benson, Mrs. L. R. Webb, Miss Mary Webb, Miss Vida Banks and Mrs. Mack Ward, of Edenton.

E. A. Turner, who is a patient in Duke Hospital, Durham, is said to be improving.

Mrs. Nettie Barclift returned home Sunday after spending a week in Elizabeth City with her daughter, Mrs. Lathan Umphlett.

Mrs. Sue Banks, who has been sick at the home of E. G. Banks, is able to be up.

## Social Security To Open Branch Office In Elizabeth City

## Quarters In Kramer Building; To Serve Counties In Albemarle, Including Perquimans

Horace K. Dickson, manager of the Norfolk office of the Social Security Board announced today the opening of a branch bank at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, with John W. Robertson in charge. The office, located at 306 Kramer Building, 508 East Main Street, will serve employers and employees in the counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and that part of Dare County which is north of Oregon Inlet and east of the main land (including Roanoke Island).

Mr. Robertson will be in the Elizabeth City office every Tuesday from 1 to 5 p. m., and Saturday morning from 9 to 1 p. m.

On other days of the week he will devote his time to the work of contacting employers and employees in the seven counties which he serves.

Mr. Dickson said that changes in the act, making benefits payable in 1940 instead of 1942 (as scheduled under the old law) and the provision for payment of survivors insurance to widows, children, or certain other dependents of insured workers resulted in an expanded program which necessitates the establishment of new Social Security Board offices. He explained that the office at Elizabeth City will receive claims, assist claimants in filing their applications for old-age or survivors insurance benefits and advise interested persons concerning provisions of the act.

Mr. Dickson calls attention to the fact that the Elizabeth City office will take applications for account numbers, but social security cards will not be issued from the branch office. Instead, they will be sent to the applicant from the Norfolk office. He said also that account number cards may be secured at any time by mailing an application form (SS-5) to the Norfolk office. All correspondence regarding claims for old-age and survivors insurance benefits should be addressed to the Norfolk office.

## Motion Pictures Of Radio News Workings Coming To Lions Club

"News in the Air" is the title of the exciting presentation to be brought to the members of the Hertford Lions Club at their meeting on July 6th.

G. F. Ball, in charge of public relations for a large oil company, will be presented by Program Chairman L. N. Hollowell, and will talk on Radio and News... and then through the medium of talking motion pictures he will take the Lions around the world and behind the scenes that they may actually see the titanic struggle of skilled news reporters, working night and day at every strategic point to bring the latest news with lightning-like speed and unerring accuracy.

Mr. Ball will bring actual pictures of the bombing of the United States Gunboat "Panay" near Shanghai and show how the news of the grim disaster was flashed to America, across 7,000 miles of space, in just four minutes.

## MISSIONARY PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT BETHANY

A Missionary program will be given at Bethany Church on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Boll Weevil Control Outlined In Bulletin

This is a tough year on the boll weevil. The cold weather of the winter just past froze out the main army of this No. 1 insect enemy of the Agricultural South, and now farmers have found an effective weapon with which to combat the hardy weevils that survived the freezes.

These weapons—the new pre-square mopping and dusting treatment, and the established post-square poisoning methods—are outlined in detail in a new publication of the State College Extension Service. It is Extension Folder No. 45, entitled "Boll Weevil Control."

Any farmer of the State may receive a copy of the folder free upon request to the Agricultural Editor at N. C. State College, Raleigh. County farm agents of the Extension Service also have supplies of the publication in their offices at the county seats.

J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist, is author of the new boll weevil control bulletin. In it, he gives full information on the 1-1-1 mopping treatment, which has proved very effective in South Carolina and other States, and which was used successfully by a number of North Carolina secondary laterals except the lower growers on an experimental basis last year.

Rowell says that boll weevils have made only scattered attacks this year, but he recommends vigilance in order that the insect can be poisoned at the first signs of his invasion of the cotton field. The pre-square mopping treatment calls for the use of a mixture of one pound of calcium arsenate, one gallon of cheap molasses, and one gallon of water. This amount is sufficient to mop one acre.

## GETS SON; DIES

Hammond, Ind.—Long wanting a son, Richard Papa, 37, father of three daughters, was passing out cigars to celebrate the birth of a son when he was seized with a fatal heart attack.

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**CHAPPELL-VAN SICE**  
The wedding of Miss Louise Macklin Van Sice, daughter of Mrs. Delmer T. Van Sice of Wilmington, Delaware, and Mr. Roy Winslow Chappell, son of Mr. E. L. Chappell, of Belvidere, will take place Friday evening, June 28th, at 8 o'clock in Calvary Church with the Rev. R. P. Hughey officiating.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father. She will be attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Van Sice, as maid of honor; Miss Idamae Tompkins, Miss Dorothy Shellender, of Wilmington, and Miss Virginia Hammond, Miss Emma Blades, of Harrington, Delaware, will act as bridesmaids. Little Esther Jenkins will be flower girl and David Simonds ring bearer.

Mr. Hemby Chappell, of Hertford, brother of the groom, will be best man, and ushers will include Mr. Harvey Emery, Mr. Avery Eskridge, and Mr. Joseph Ennis, all of Wilmington, Delaware, and Mr. Kimble Chase, of New Hampshire.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents will follow the ceremony. After a wedding trip through New England and Canada the couple will live in Wilmington, Delaware.

Quite a number of social affairs have been given in honor of the couple.

Miss Van Sice is a graduate of the Homeopathic Hospital School of Nursing in Wilmington, and Mr. Chappell is associated with Rhodes Leather Belting Co. in Wilmington.

**BETHANY W. M. S. MEETS**  
The Bethany Missionary Society met Saturday afternoon, June 22nd, in the church.

The program on "Living the Gospel" was opened by quiet music. The call to worship was given by the leader, with the president making the response. "Trust and Obey" was sung and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, of Winfall.

A brief business session was held. "Rescue the Perishing" was sung.

The meditation was given by Miss Anna Baker, following which Mrs. Eddie Harrell of the Woodland Methodist Church, gave a poem. A duet, "Hear Us, Heavenly Father," was sung by Mrs. Harrell and Miss Manola Jolliff. An inspirational message on Christian Social Relations was given by the Rev. Mr. Cranford.

Mrs. George Jackson, secretary of children's work in the Chowan-Perquimans Zone, gave a talk on children's work. The Rev. J. T. Stanford, pastor, made some timely remarks. "Throw Out the Life Line" was sung and the Rev. John J. Jolliff of Portsmouth, Va., offered the closing prayer.

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