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### **Churchill Believes Invasion Attempt Only Hours Away**

Plane Loads of Bombs Last, year he also declined to fol-Daily

CRITICAL WEEK

#### RAF Carries Taste of **Terror From the Skies** To Hitler's Reichstag

By the time you read this there has been every indication that Nazi troopships will be moving across the English Channel. An invasion attended is at hand said Prime Minis. troopships will be moving across the tempt is at hand, said Prime Minis-

The newest black threat has a ring of sincerity. It is far different of sincerity. It is far different from comparative idle threats of the past several weeks. Today, Chanpast several weeks. Today, Chancellor Adolf Hitler, no longer a funny little man to be ridiculed and mimicked, is steeling his forces for decisive action against the fortified British Isles.

Churchill said Wednesday that fleets of troop-bearing Nazi ships. were moving in the English Channel under protection of German shore batteries couched on what was coastal France and Belgium. "The invasion may be launched at any time now on England, Scotland, Ireland or all three," were the sinister words Churchill broadcast to the British Empire.

"The next week must be regarded as a very important one for us in our history," he added.

In the Nazi stronghold it has been asserted that 10,000 plane-loads of bembs will be rained daily on the London area in the next few days. A terrifying fleet of 2,500 German warplanes making four trips daily from French coastal bases will carry out the inreatened blitzkrieg, headquarters in Berlin said.

ed at wiping out the old British guests of honor. capital with its eight million inhabtacks and that invasion will not be sioner of revenue, was also one of necessary. "It all depends," a Nazi the speakers at the first annual fair

death list mounting by hundreds.

Britain, though bomb-scarred, offers little resemblance to a nation greatest battle of all time.

taste of terror from the skies Wed- dren on that day. nesday, slicing through the clouds and fierce anti-aircraft fire to rain dynamite on Hitler's Reichstag, the Potsdam railway station, the Brandenburg Gate and the famous Uter

As you read this, any one of several important developments are tak-ing place: Hitler is backing down be-

### Hoey Says Turkey Day Not Be Changed

Governor Clyde R. Hoey has politely declined President Roosevelt's kind invitation to join him in changing the official date of Thanksgiving. The Governor will shortly issue a roclamation directing that the last Nazis Promise 10,000 Thursday in November be observed as Thanksgiving.

On London Area low the President in moving the observance up one week.

"I feel very strongly about Thanksgiving Day," Governor Hoey said. "It is not a commercial event or observance. For 75 years there has been an unbroken observance of this Thursday in November, and I see no sufficient reason for a change now.

"Accordingly at the proper time I shall designate this traditional day trons. again this year."

# ter Winston Churchill Wednesday Be Speakers On morning.

Bands In Parade on come to her at 21/2 cents. Tuesday, Children's Day

Kerr Scott, North Carolina Com-Eure, secretary of State, will be the or shops or milling concerns. principal speakers on Farmers' Day at the second annual Perquimans blood, chairman of the committee on speakers.

The second annual county fair opens on Monday, September 23rd, are hoping the new rates will en-Farmers' Day, probably the biggest day of the week, will be on Thursday. Max Campbell, publicity director, said that the State notables will lar. speak from a platform on the courthouse green that afternoon following a luncheon at the Hotel Hertford The aerial war is apparently aim where Scott and Eure will be the

Scott, who spoke at the last counitants. Germany is musing the idea ty fair, is being returned to Hert-that England may possibly collapse ford by popular demand, Mr. True-House Members Say Town And County under the sheer weight of air at- blood said. A. J. Maxwell, commis-

spokesman says, "on how well the The luncheon, Mr. Campbell said, British fight back." If the unofficial report is true, limited number of luncheon facilities, NUIIII all BUIIIC nightfall today (Friday) should reservations must be made before have seen a decisive turn in the great Tuesday night, September 24th. Rehave seen a decisive turn in the great Tuesday hight, September 24th. Recognition of the luncheon are 50c Secretary to Warren Book Group's Purchasdaily bombings, growing in intensity, each and they may be made with Mr. will have continued, with the London Trueblood or with Mrs. Louise Williford Campbell, manager of the Hotel Hertford.

Speaking of Children's Day, Tueson the verge of collapse and when day, September 23rd, the publicity Hitler's swarms of Stukes, and heav- director said that Joe Towe, chairier bombers have failed to shake the man of the committee on parades, grimly-determined British, and if announced that he hoped to have Hitler begins moving troops across two out-of-town bands participating the Channel the result will be the in the Children's Day parade. All county schools will be dismissed at On the other hand, Berlin has noon on that day and all rides will been getting a taste of aerial war. be operating at the fair grounds at Waves of British dive-bombers gave half the regular charge. Admission Berlin's four million an unpleasant at the gates is free to school chil-

GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN NOW

Open house was held at the Hertford Grammar School Tuesday afterden Linden (Fifth Avenue in Berlin). noon and was attended by a large After the fourth large-scale ail- number of parents and patrons of night raid, London's millions read in the school. Those present were high their morning papers Wednesday a in their praise of the renovated warning to expect a Nazi invasion building, work on which has just been recently completed.

New arrangements and facilities of the school were shown those attending and formal opening of the hind one of his boasts, which means 1940-41 term of school was made on Continued On Page Five) Wednesday.

### First Football Game Of New Season **ith Woodrow Wilson September 26**

the came out for preliminary hall practice at the high school day and Tuesday. They were down for afternoon practice and the Bonner full recognition during that the equipment committee will make further problem of getting rides back period.

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The first game of the new season ing, September 16th, at 8 o'clock, All look his field of candidates over is scheduled with the Woodrow William members are urged to attend.

The prospects.

Two letter-men reported for pre
Johnson, atlastic director here last.

The Woman's Christian Temper-

### NEW RATES ENCOURAGE MRS. HOUSEWIFE I TO USE MORE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

### Town Sets Out New God Will Not Bless Table In This Issue of Ten Cents and Slides Down to 2½ Cents

A formal notice on another page of this issue announces that the new on the current statements. Stating, however, that the new rate is strictday in North Carolina on the last ly on a trial basis and subject to change at any time, town officials announce that they will be glad to discuss electrical problems with pa-

> As the new table sets out the rate. regardless of the number of electrical appliances Mrs. Jones may have in her house-ice box, electric irons, fans, radio, heating pads, washing machines, vacuum cleaner-everything goes on one meter and the rate starts at 10 cents for the first 20k.w. (it started last month at 12

The more current Mrs. Jones uses the lower her rate will run. For inchoir. stance, the next 100k.w. will cost five Towe Expects to Have stance, the next 100k.w. will cost cents per k.w., the next 50 will cost Two Out - of - Town her four cents, the next 50 will cost three cents and all over that will

However, if Mrs. Jones is operating same rate she has been paying. Electric stove rates will remain the same. And incidentally, the new rates apmissioner of Agriculture, and Thad ply to residences only; not to stores

The town is facing a reduction in revenue from electrical sales under County Fair sponsored by the Lions the new system-for a short time at Club, according to Norman True- least-but because it benefits those who use more current without burdening or raising the cost to the m:nimum consumer, the town fathers courage the use of more electricity and thus offset the loss. The minimum-as heretofore-is still one dol-

Those who have difficulty in figuring the new statements are invited to call at the town office where Clerk W. G. Newby will explain it.

Returns to Washington After Receiving Unanimous Nomina-

Washington, Sept. 9th. (Special)-Herbert C. Bonner, Secretary to Re presentative Lindsay Warren returned here today after receiving the unanimous nomination at Edenton on Friday for both the unexpired and regular term as a successor to Congressman Warren. Although expected, Bonner's nomination was greeted here with much interest by members of Congress and the North Carolina Colony in Washington. Leader Rayburn said they were delighted and Bonner will no doubt profit on account of his long friendship with them. House members! pointed out today that the Congressional Committee acted very wisely in nominating him for the unexpired term, for it will give him valuable seniority rights and on January 3rd he will be rated as a two term member rather than for one term. This will make Bonner senior to every new man elected to tre House in November, and will place him in the same seniority class with Representatives Folger, Burgin, and Durham. While during the per-iod from October 1st. to November District will be without a congressman, Representative Warren said toive came out for preliminary There will be the usual problem of day that he would ask every depart-ball practice at the high school getting the county lads to stay in ment of the government to give Mr.

Tuesday afternoon in the Ladies night at Hertford Hotel. All mempartor of the Methodist Church. It bers are urged to be present in order climbes for the club to reach the 100 per cent Mayor goal.

# Paper; Rate Starts at America More Until

America Merits It'

electrical rate has gone into effect Lare Attendance at Special Peace and Munns Says Ameri-

> "God has blessed America far above its just desserts," the Reverend R. F. Munns told a Methodist Church congregation that overflowed into the Sunday School room at the special Peace and Prayer service Sunday morning.

The pastor's special address followed on the heels of the singing of Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" by R. S. Monds and the Methodist

"But God will not bless America more until Americans merit more blessings," he added.

Mr. Munns warned in the beginning that America is to face the an electric stove she will pay the by England unless we give more sesame holocaust faced by France and rious attention to ideals of the Christian home, more thought to human relations and greater attention to the moral side of strong drink.

"Liquor and the Fifth Column," he said, "were the cause of the downfall of the French army." "Here in America," he said, "we have built up a liquor consciousness that we don't know how to stop until Church Folks stop drinking.'

Mr. Munns said that he has heard of Cnurch Officers not only holding cocktail parties-but cocktail parties on Sundays. "If the eight million Methodists and the eight million Baptists and the Presbyterians would stop drinking the stuff, it wouldn't be such a problem."

He gaye liquor more than its usual quota of attention from local pulpits

# To Local Library

ing Power Reduced by Total of \$160

on Academy Street, will operate on reduced rations this year.

The Library Board in routine meeting Tuesday morning considered the fact that the county has reduced its appropriation from six to five hundred dollars and the town has made its grant smaller by \$60-from \$180

The Board, headed by Mrs. E. M. Perry, wife of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, dis-Speaker Bankhead and Majority cussed regular business and considered the prospect of a smaller number of new books due to the reduced appropriations.

The vacancy on the Library Board Fleetwood has not been filled. However, the County Commission will be handed some names to consider for the vacancy at the next meeting

The Board hopes that it is under stood throughout the county that the books in the library are available to every community on request. The librarian is directed to assemble and place a number of them at suitable points in the county. The opportunity is extended by the State and county governments and the 5th., the date of election, the First board - non-remunerative workerswho are glad to help in the feature of educational uplift.

Ways of getting larger quarters

well attended with one visitor pres-

LIONS TO MEET

### Clarence Hobgood Is **New Baptist Pastor**

good, formerly of Oxford, has accepted the call of the Hertford Baptist Church and will arrive here with his bride to assume the duties of pastor on September 29th.

Mr. Hobgood preached at the Baptist Church on Sunday before last. He is a graduate of Wake Forest

College and Yale University. The young minister was married on Wednesday of this week. Where the wedding took place or who Mrs. Hobgood was before their marriage had not been learned Wednesday when a member of the Board of Deacons re-

The Reverend and Mrs. Hobgood can Home In Jeopardy will take up residence soon at the Baptist Parsonage.

# To Red Cross Fund In Past Four Weeks

Perquimans County Chapter Has Amassed Approximately 0 n e sixth of Its Quota

Local Chapter Chairman Silas M. Whedbee said Wednesday that there the past two weeks.

While it now appears that the end of the drive has been reached, and while Perquimans County has raised slightly less than \$125, the chairman said the drive is not officially closed in Hertford, though the National drive ended early in July.

The original quota for this county when the first call went out was for \$300; the second call a few days later, doubled the quota and the third communication said to disregard all quotas and use \$600 as the minimum amount to be raised.

the local chapter is calling a halt.

The last report of Red Cross activities in this newspaper two weeks ago, reveals that there had been no contributions during the week before publication. All told, there have been no contributions in the past The Perquimans County Library, three weeks. In a month there has located in the Women's Club House been one contribution, a gift made to the fund more than three weeks

#### **Faculty Member Called** To Brother Injured In Automobile Accident

opened in Perquimans County, Miss Alma Leggett, member of the Central Grammar School faculty, was called home to Washington, N. C., because of serious injury to her but wishing to avoid injury to the brother, Frank, who was involved in disquieted darkies they did not use left by the death of the late J. M. an auto accident late Wednesday af-

The news came to Hertford in a into play. telephone message from J. C. Buck, ed fractures of both legs and possible

Miss Leggett left for Vashington

### **Negro Mob Stages** The Reverend Clarence E. Hob- Riot In Peaceful Quiet Of E. City

Darkies Register Dramatic Protest Over Dismissal of Negro Theatre Manager

PICKET MOVIE

#### Prayer Program; Rev. ceived Mr. Hobgood's acceptance tele- Artillery Bristles as First Large Scale Racial Disturbance Is Narrowly Averted

Whitey White, newly-appointed overseer of the Culpepper Theatres and acting manager of the Gaiety Theatre, Negro house in Elizabeth City, had a good crowd on his opening night.

Between one thousand and fifteen hundred Negroes attended. But they didn't come in to see the show. They stayed outside and threw rocks and pop bottles, picketed the theatre and raised merry hell in general.

The mob was protesting the dismissal of the Negro manager, one Roland Spellman who is being held in jail charged with aiding and abetting a conspiracy. If the charge had been inciting a riot it would have been a serious thing. It's serious have been no contributions made to enough as it is. Twenty or more the Red Cross War Refugee Fund in ringleaders in Elizabeth City's first racial uprising are under arrest.

The only actual clash took place around 1:30 Tuesday morning after a speech by Mayor Jerome Flora which served to disperse the saner members of the mob. A Coast Guardsman was struck in the face by a pistol butt by one of two Negroes who attempted to run the blockade around the theatre. Both Negroes were picked up almost immediately.

All available city policemen, the firemen, Coast Guardmen and any number of State Highway Patrolmen were called to the scene. It looked Chairman Whedbee said the local like a bad time for a short while, but chapter is not soliciting, but that the finally or F was again restored and chapter would take contributions in- the riot total amounted to approxitended for flood sufferers in North mately \$200 damage to the theatre, Carolina, and that each individual some sore heads and a few bruises gift would be ear-marked for the from flying pop bottles and rock purpose to which the contributor pellets, and several hundred sets of jangled nerves.

Other than the fact that contribu- Whitey was called to his position tions have stopped coming in, there with the Elizabeth City theatres is no indication from Chairman Monday morning. Early in the even-Whedbee or from the Rev. E. T. ing somebody sliced a tire on his Jillson or the Rev. R. F. Munns that car, used knives on the upholstery and showed other signs of violence.

A single policeman, answering what he thought was a routine call, soon learned that the business was more than one man could handle and sent out an SOS for assistance.

The first answer to the call came unwittingly from Perquimans County's Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens who was in Elizabeth City on business and thought to drop in and call on Whitey at the Gaiety.

Not nearly so surprised was the deputy when the Negroes attempted to turn his car over as the mob members were when he flourished a 1.45 in their faces and ordered them to back off. He met members of the On the same day that schools Elizabeth City Police Department soon after and stayed there until the violence was squashed.

Enforcement agencies had the situation well in hand soon after a sufficient number were on the scene, the fire hose, tear gas, machine guns, rifles, riot sticks or any of the other equipment they could have brought

All in all, the mob members came formerly of Hertford, brother-in-law out of the fracas with far less inof Miss Leggett. Details of the ac- juries than they deserved. Mayor cident were not disclosed but it is Flora did a good job of reasoning understood that Mr. Leggett suffer with the Negroes but made it plain that if they wanted more trouble there was enough to go around.

The Gaiety opened on schedule the (Continued On Page Five)

## **Walker Prepares For Motorcade;** Turns Out To Be Station Wagon

after he had roped off the east side of Church Street from the State Aubrey Graham, A. H. Foreman, A.

Policeman C. E. Walker's face was football game on Foreman Field in slightly red Saturday morning, when, Norfolk on the night of September

The group of Norfolk men included

Theatre to J. C. Blanchard and Company in preparation for a motorcade of football boosters from Norfolk, a lone statin wagon pulled into the over-sized parking apace and announced that this was, the whole show.

Five or six Tidewater boosters climbed out of the wagon and handed Mayor Vivian N. Darden two passes to the N. C. State-William and Mary of spectating at the opening game.