

TODAY'S THOUGHT
"The evening of a well-spent life brings its lamps with it."—Joubert.

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MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE

With record-breaking peace-time appropriations for the Army and Navy practically assured in Washington, the people of the United States will soon face the need of making a permanent decision as to what they expect their government to do in the way of national defense.

POWERS RUSH TO ARMS

Practically every day one reads in the newspapers that some nation has authorized the construction of a new warship, the increase of its armed strength or air force. Moreover, there are frequent references to the importance of basic industries vitally necessary to support an army in the field, and consistent attempts on the part of several powers to have available adequate auxiliary ships to supply the fleets in time of war.

JAPAN'S INCREASED NAVY

Readers will recall that in 1922 at a conference in Washington, the principal sea powers of the world agreed to certain limits on the sizes of their fleets and that this was bolstered by a conference in London in 1930. However, due to the dissatisfaction of Japan, which was accorded a ratio of 3-5 in comparison with the United States and Great Britain, the present naval pact expires on January 1st, 1937.

U. S. AND BRITISH RECORD

The figures show that since 1918, when the World War ended, until 1936, the British fleet decreased in size 52 per cent, the American fleet decreased 34 per cent, and the Japanese fleet increased 85 per cent. Japan immediately adopted and consistently maintained a policy of building up her fleet to the full treaty strength. After making the reduction referred to, the British maintained a treaty fleet. The United States for many years lagged far behind its treaty-authorized Navy, but in the last few years, heavy building of ships has resulted in an approach to our authorized strength.

NAVAL STANDING TODAY

Today the British Empire has 1,388,184 tons of ships built and building; the United States is next, with 1,353,085; and Japan, third, with 866,654. In 1919 the figures were: Great Britain—2,891,758 tons, the United States—2,056,276, and Japan—642,801 tons. It should be observed that so far as the United States is concerned, almost all naval building in this country stopped in 1928 and was only revived in the last two years. Thus we find this country pushing ahead fastest today with new building, having under construction—3 aircraft carriers, 12 cruisers, 52 destroyers and 13 submarines—a total of 80 ships. Great Britain is building 50 and Japan 35.

APTOHE IS FAVORED

By Ickes, F. D. R.
Washington, May 12.—The APTOHE is the Association for the Prevention of Taking Hats in Elevators.

Farmers Urged To Fill Out Soil Work Sheets Soon

County Agent Black O. Members Of Committees Will Assist Farmers in Attending To This

PROGRAM OUTLINED

Alleghany Farm Agent Thinks Plan Is The Opportunity Mountain Farmers Ever Had

Soil sheets for the 1936 Conservation program are now in the county agent's office in Sparta, ready to be filled out. There will be someone in the office Saturday of this week and all of next week to assist farmers in filling out the work sheet.

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Three Persons Injured In Auto Accident Sat.

Two cars were completely demolished and three persons injured Saturday night when a car driven by Cecil McCain, who lives near Sparta, crashed into a car driven by Elsie Reynolds, Stratford.

Washington Bride



WASHINGTON . . . Above is the new bride of the automobile speeding congressman, Representative Zincheck of Washington state. She was the former Ruby Lou Nix of Texarkana, Tex. They are now on honeymoon.

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Commencement At Duke University To Begin June 6

Durham, May 12.—Announcement of the program for Duke university's eighty-fourth commencement, to extend from Saturday morning, June 6, through Sunday, June 8, has been completed and announced, comprising twelve major events listed and a variety of intermediary events.

Commencement at Sparta Hi Ends Mon. With Graduation Exercises; 26 Get Diplomas

Solicitor Allen Gwyn Delivers Literary Address To Class, Elder Banks Preaches Sermon Sunday

MISSES YORK AND OSBORNE HONOR STUDENTS

"The Black Horse And His Rider" Is Title Of Winning Declamation. "Brotherly Love" Takes Recitation Medal

Commencement exercises at Sparta high school were begun on Saturday morning, May 9, with the recitation-declamation contest. Following are the names of those taking part in these contests: piano duet, "Polish Dance," Emaline Hawthorne and Miss Choate; "Ma' At The P. T. A.," Wilma Grace Ratledge; "At The Swimming Pool," Kathleen Jarvis; "Jane," Lucile Pugh; "Brotherly Love," Jessie Lois Jones; "Mrs. Schnickelwitz Und Der Four O'clock Train," Flora Crouse; "Jimmie Jones Studies Geography," Nina Edwards; "Jean Val Jean Reveals Himself," Jewell Richardson; vocal duet, "The Cuckoo Clock," Carolyn Maxwell and Lucille Pugh; "The Blue And The Gray," Ralph Redd; "Aspirations Of American People," Paul Irwin; "On Trial," Charlie Dale Edwards; "The Duty Of Literary Men To America," Bobby Crouse; "The Black Horse And His Rider," Lonnie Lee Edwards, and piano duet, "March Of The Flower Girls," Marjorie Halsey and Louise Crouse.

Young Men May Attend Citizens Training Camps

R. E. Black, Sparta, chairman of the Military Training camps association for Alleghany county, announced recently that Dr. P. L. Choate of this county, has volunteered to assist local youths to qualify for attendance at Citizens' Military Training camps this summer.

Cooking School To Be Held In Sparta On May 19

Housewives and other interested persons are invited to attend a cooking school and refrigeration demonstration to be held by Miss Mary Browne Allgood, General Electric Home-Service director, at the Spartan theatre on Tuesday, May 19, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Patrolman To Issue Drivers Licenses Here

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin has announced that a State Patrolman will be in his office each morning for an indefinite time for the purpose of issuing driver licenses and attending to other matters pertaining to a patrolman's duties.

Garbo Returns



NEW YORK . . . A nervous Greta Garbo submitted to her first newspaper interview upon her arrival here from Sweden after a year's absence. She stated that she had been ill, felt better now; that she was going back to work in Hollywood, and has no intention of doing stage work.

Republicans Of Alleghany Hold Convention Here

Ticket For Election To Be Held This Fall Is Put In Field. Other Business Transacted

At a convention held here in the court house on May 4th, the Republicans of Alleghany county elected the following members of the County Executive Committee: N. Carl Jones, chairman, Scottville; Thomas W. Landreth, secretary, Piney Creek; Hoyt Combs, Ennice; John R. Edwards, Sparta; S. S. Landreth, Laurel Springs; George B. Phillips, Furches; M. B. Joines, Whitehead; W. J. Wyatt, Piney Creek and R. A. Crouse, Glade Valley.

Doughton Talked Of For Post Now Held By Shuping

Washington, May 11.—Friends of Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, North Carolina, here are talking him up as a possible successor of C. L. Shuping, of Greensboro, as North Carolina National Democratic committeeman. The talk and comment in North Carolina regarding the election of a man to fill this post has reached into the Tar Heel colony here and no doubt, this contest, if it should develop into one, will be of as much interest as any other one thing which will happen at the national convention to be held in Philadelphia in June, since most of the program there is already "cut and dried."

Taft Candidates In Ohio Receive Lead Over Borah

Ernest Bailey Concedes Holt's Nomination For Governor Of W. Va. In Democratic Primary

NEELY TREND DEVELOPS

Roosevelt And Borah Are Popular Choices Of Voters In W. Va. In Tuesday Primaries

Columbus, Ohio, May 12.—Delegate-at-large candidates representing the "favorite son" slate favoring Robert A. Taft were given a slight lead over Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, on the basis of early returns from Ohio's Republican primary battles tonight. Taft is a son of the President William Howard Taft.

Republican Post Office Has New CANCELLING MACHINE

A new cancelling machine has been added to the equipment of the Sparta post office, according to information given out by G. G. Nichols, postmaster. The new machine, a new model, will add greatly to the efficiency of the postoffice force, as it is possible to cancel 200 or more stamps per minute.

ALMANAC

A collection of small illustrations and text for an almanac, including a cat, a dog, and various agricultural or domestic scenes.