

Officially, theoretically, and on paper, the authorized tonnage of the United States Navy was increased twenty per cent. last week when President Roosevelt signed the so-called "Billion Dollar Navy Expansion Bill."

Actually, until Congress make specific appropriations for the construction of specific warships, there will be no increase in the fleet. As a matter of fact, however, the Navy is anxious to begin the construction of some of the ships authorized and congress is expected to make an appropriation before the session ends.

What the Act Does

There has been so much discussion about the Navy since the House Naval Affairs Committee, early in March, voted to recommend the expansion bill. What did the bill mean? Simply that the United States, which had limited the size of its Navy in accordance with naval treaties, was amending the law, passed in March, 1934, which set the limit on the size of the Navy, forbidding the construction of warships in excess of treaty provisions.

When Japan notified the United States and Great Britain that she intended to abrogate the treaty establishing the naval ratio, it was apparent that a naval race was about to begin. The Japanese were dissatisfied with the treaty provisions which permitted Japan only sixty per cent. of the battleship tonnage allowed the United States and Great Britain. A previous revision of the naval limits had advanced the ratio allotted Japan for smaller warships.

Meets New Condition

Great Britain, facing the threat of Italy in the Mediterranean and the growing power of the German fleet, began some years ago to construct additional warships. Acting under a clause of the treaty, the British notified the other powers of fleet increases. What was the position of the United States? In the first place, the American fleet was not up to treaty strength. This country had not maintained its strength in accordance with the naval ratios established by the treaties limiting the size of the fleets.

In the last few years, however, a regular program of construction had been inaugurated which, in time, would have built up the American fleet to full treaty limits. With this program established, the nation faced a new situation when Great Britain and Japan began to construct warships in excess of the limits set by the naval treaties.

Fleet's Size Limited

The nation then faced the problem of deciding whether to restrict its fleet to the limit of the treaties which had been abrogated, or to build a fleet to match those of other countries. However, the size of the American fleet was fixed by the Vinson-Trammell Act, passed in 1934, and until the Act could be amended, it would be illegal for the United States to construct any warships in excess of the limits set by the treaties.

Because of this fact, it became necessary for the United States Congress, if it wished to build a fleet in proportion to construction by other powers, to change existing law and to legally authorize the necessary expansion of the fleet. This was the purpose of the "Billion Dollar Navy Expansion Bill." By itself, the measure does not add a single ship to the Navy. It merely authorizes a twenty per cent. increase in the limit set for the American Navy. Before a single ship can be constructed, Congress will have to pass an appropriation bill, specifically providing the money for the ships to be constructed.

20 Per Cent. Increase

While the new law increases the Navy's authorized tonnage by 20 per cent., experts estimate that the three battleships, two 20,000-ton aircraft carriers, nine cruisers, twenty-three destroyers, nine submarines, 950 planes and twenty-six auxiliary vessels will add from fifty to seventy-five per cent. to the fighting strength of the fleet.

Last month, Admiral Wm. D. Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, submitted figures to the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, showing that Japan's navy is stronger than that of the United States in three major types of war craft and that only in battleships and in heavy cruisers do we hold superiority. He pointed out that Great Britain leads us in all classes except heavy cruisers. (Turn to page five, please)

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The 8th-month Honor Roll for Sparta H. S.

—has been made public recently by school officials, and is published below, in addition to a list of those

who made a perfect-attendance record for the entire 1937-38 school term.

The Honor Roll follows:

First Grade: Tommy Burgess, Raymond Crouse, Frank Davis, Paul Edwards, Glenn Rector, Edward Rizoti, Jr., Jimmy Williams, Virginia Van Crouse, Evelyn Dowdle, Mary Lou Miles, Clarice Mitchell, Jessie Holcomb, Zollie LaRue, Janet Poe, and Renie LaRue.

Second Grade—George Bryan Collins, Malcomb Gambill, Andrew McKnight, Howard Naylor, Charles Reeves, Duane Kilby, Jane Bledsoe, Zelma Choate, Vera Wood, Reva Mae Rector, Bonnie Sue McMillan, Wanita Higgins, Virginia Poole, James Jordan and Elsie Edwards.

Third Grade—D. C. Bledsoe, Jr., James Douglas, Tommy Davis, Berton Edwards, Billy Reeves, George Roe, Doris Collins, Naomi Douglas, Reba Edwards, Mary Alice Landreth, Dorothy Sue McGrady, Evelyn Mitchell, Martha Norman, Wanda Truitt, Ruby Caudill and Jean Collins.

Fourth Grade — Mattie Lee Sanders, Dodge Sexton, Harold Irwin, George R. Crouse, Wade Irwin, James Poole, Billy Sexton, Rosamond Doughton, Georgia Goodman, Winnie Mae Goodman, Maybelline Richardson and Ellen Hardin.

Fifth Grade—Wanda Blevins, Patsy Roy Burgess, Dorothy Corner, Eva Edwards, Irene Hendrix, Lorene Hendrix, Ramah Joines, Nada Landreth, Lucile Mitchell, Lorene Osborne, Mack Caudill, Ceibert Jarvis, Thomas Zack Osborne and Raymond Woodruff.

Sixth Grade—Edwin Duncan, Jr., M. A. Goodman, Jr., James Dee McKnight, Glenna Duncan, Ruth Evans, Mavon Moxley, Laura Lee Smith, Jessie Jean Sexton, Dorothy Truitt, Anna Rose Reeves, Gloria Rizoti and Donna Lou Rutherford.

Seventh Grade—Doris Richardson, Una Lee Richardson, Lois Smith, Katherine McMillan, Virginia Gentry, Ethel Poole, Pika Rizoti, Blanche Hendrix, Dan Thompson, Robert Morton, Clifton Edwards, William Goodman, Iris Poole, Ted Reed, Aldean Shaw and Dorothy Shepherd.

Eighth Grade — Freddie Sue Sexton, Margaret Sexton, Elsie Wagoner, Mildred Wagoner, Retha Crouse, Mildred Bennett, Wanda Choate, Gretchen Duncan, Edith Edwards, Georgene Mitchell and Mattie Lee Rector.

Ninth Grade—Rose Wagoner, (Turn to page five, please)

This Week FEATURES YOU WILL LIKE

Jeff Gray's unusual romance with beautiful Ruth Chiswick, told in William MacLeod Raine's exciting new serial, "To Ride the River With."

A clock with eight hands and two sets of numbers tells time all around the world. Picture in our new photo section.

Big doings in Red Eye Pete's Gin Emporium! See Mescal Ike in our comic section this week.

The importance of a sound mind in a sound body in maintaining personal efficiency, is the subject of the Sunday school lesson for this week.

The need for iron and copper as a help to avoid Anemia is described by C. Houston Goudiss, noted food authority in the feature "What to Eat and Why" in this issue.

Differences between the United States and Japan on role of equipment of possible future war is discussed in this issue in the "Weekly Washington Merry-Go-Round."

The Billion-dollar Naval Expansion Bill, signed last week by President Roosevelt, is discussed in "Looking at Washington," a feature in this issue.

A proposition was discussed Tuesday morning

—at the court house here, whereby Alleghany county, by appropriating \$1,200 for health work would be permitted to join a district health department, thus enjoying the benefits of a health program which would otherwise cost \$5,000.

Dr. G. M. Cooper, director of the Division of preventative medicine and Dr. R. E. Fox, director of the division of County Health Work, both from Raleigh, met the county commissioners and interested citizens here for this discussion.

By participating in this health program, Alleghany county would receive in addition to the continued services of the county health nurse, a pro rata part of a health officer's time, who besides other duties, will treat individual syphilitics, give the tuberculin test to school children, thereby discovering this dreaded disease in its early stages, when cure is comparatively simple and inexpensive.

An important service of the district health department is the dental program. If the county commissioners appropriate the amount necessary to enable Alleghany county to join this health department, a free dental clinic will be held for eight weeks annually in the county. The need for such a clinic, it has been pointed out, is clearly seen when it is recalled that, of the 1,155 grade school children examined in this county during the past year, 901 have decayed teeth.

Alleghany county will also receive the services of a sanitary officer, and of a clerk in the health office, as well as other advantages. For instance, only organized departments will receive aid from the Smith-Reynolds funds and similar foundations.

All of these services, and others, amounting to approximately \$5,000 Alleghany county can have by appropriating only \$1,200.

The Baptist S. S. convention is to be held Sunday

—May 29, at Laurel Springs Baptist church, according to an announcement made recently by persons who are actively engaged in formulating plans and arrangements for the gathering.

The program is as follows: Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story"; Devotionals, W. F. Doughton; Words of Welcome, Rev. H. J. Ford; Report from State Sunday School convention, Vann Miller; Talk, "What a Sunday School Means to a Community," Rev. A. F. Absher; Five-minute talk by each Sunday school superintendent present; Talk, "The Ideal Teacher," Miss Iva Grace Doughton; Special music; Address, Rev. J. P. Davis, Booneville; Appointment of committees; Prayer, Rev. William Hamm; Lunch Hour.

Song, "Loyalty to Christ"; Prayer; "Building a Standard Sunday School," Rev. H. J. Ford; Special music; Address, Rev. Perry Crouch, Raleigh; Round-table discussion; Talk on "Orphanage," J. T. Fender; Report on canning for Mills Home, A. O. Joines; Plans of committee on Canning for this year, Mrs. C. A. Reeves; Election of officers, and Benediction.

Circle No. 2 of the W. M. U. of the Baptist

—church held its monthly meeting on Tuesday night, May 10, at the home of Mrs. Walter Taylor, with Mrs. Bruce Wagoner associate hostess.

The topic for the month was "Japan." Mrs. T. R. Burgess was leader and presented an interesting program, with the following members taking part: Mrs. Hugh Choate, Mrs. Odell Richardson, Mrs. Sally Vass, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner and Mrs. Wayne Richardson.

During the social hour, the hostess served refreshments to thirteen members and five visitors.

Posters Promote Safe Driving



These posters were selected by a group of judges which included Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and W. H. Cameron, Managing Director of the National Safety Council, as best dramatizing safety rules for motorists and pedestrians. The contest, held at Rockefeller Center, New York, was held to help focus attention on reducing auto tolls.

The U. S. supreme court will adjourn May 31

—for the summer vacation, and within a few days after adjournment, most of the justices will have left the capital, not to return until the next session of the tribunal opens on October 3.

Chief Justice Hughes, in accordance with his custom, declined to say where he will spend the summer months. He usually goes, with Mrs. Hughes, for long automobile rides through New England or New York returning from time to time to Washington.

Three of the associate justices—Roberts, Reed and Butler, will "go back to the farm." Justice Reed, the newest member of the high court, will spend his time in Maysville, Ky., where he raises blooded cattle and grows burley tobacco. He plans to break his stay there only to attend a session of the American Bar association in Cleveland late in July.

Justice Butler, having recently purchased a farm of some 400 acres in Howard county, Md., will spend most of his summer there. Back to his farm also will go Justice Roberts. His place is not far from Philadelphia. He will return to Washington at times for meetings of the German-American mixed claims commission of which he is umpire.

Justice and Mrs. Stone will leave by train for the Pacific coast June 8. From there they will continue their journey by automobile through Vancouver and other sections of western Canada, returning east in the middle of the summer to spend several weeks at Isle Au Haut, Maine.

Justice McReynolds also plans to spend some time on the Pacific coast.

Recuperating from a serious illness, Justice Cardozo already has left the city. He is spending the summer at the home of Judge and Mrs. Irving Lehman in Port Chester, N. Y. When he left several weeks ago it was said there was a possibility he might return to his duties on the bench in the fall. The last time he sat in court was December 10. Shortly thereafter he suffered a series of heart attacks.

Justice and Mrs. Brandeis plan to leave for Chatham, Mass., as soon as court adjourns. They have spent the summer months on Cape Cod for many years.

Justice Black said he had made "no plans" for the summer.

Justice Sutherland, who retired from the court in February, will sail for England early in June as he has for several years past.

Justice Van Devanter, also retired, will go to his farm in Maryland, perhaps making a trip to a fishing club in Canada sometime during the summer months.

Miss Faye Joines, Sparta, is among the 150 students

—of Mars Hill college to be graduated at the final commencement exercises to be held tomorrow (Friday) morning. This is the largest class to be graduated in the history of the college. By receiving a diploma, Miss Joines will have completed all requirements necessary in finishing a junior college course.

Methodists of the Statesville District met

—last week in North Wilkesboro for the annual district conference. The conference was in session on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 and 18, and was presided over by Dr. John T. Hoyle, presiding elder of the Statesville district. The district embraces 14 northwestern counties of the state.

John Wesley's Aldersgate experience was described Tuesday by the Rev. R. E. Ward, pastor of the Bethel-Fairview Methodist church near Hickory.

Ward depicted how Wesley founded Methodism after he experienced a "peculiar feeling" and a desire for a new form of Christian worship.

Tuesday afternoon delegates heard church and committee reports. Among those speaking were the Rev. A. W. Plyler, editor of the Christian Advocate; the Rev. J. S. Hiatt, who spoke about the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, and the Rev. E. J. Coltrane on behalf of Brevard college.

Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of Duke university, brought the spiritual life message to the conference Wednesday and the Rev. J. C. Gentry of the Moravian Falls circuit, delivered the sermon.

The lay activities program was presided over by W. H. Worth, of Jefferson, district lay leader. He was re-elected as leader and associate leaders are R. C. Bunch, Statesville, and L. S. Weaver, Jonesville.

Wednesday afternoon, Dr. L. B. Abernethy, of Elkin, spoke on missions and the Golden Cross work, and Dr. W. A. Jenkins, Elkin, represented Greensboro college. Hopewell church on the Catawba charge, extended an invitation for the next meeting, which was accepted.

Delegates to attend the annual conference in Charlotte this fall are W. D. Halfacre, W. H. Worth, R. C. Bunch, W. T. Nicholson, R. M. Abernethy, J. E. Rowe, L. H. Phillips, L. S. Weaver, G. F. Ivey, R. L. Snow, J. S. Keever, W. H. Jones, W. L. Parker, F. D. Stonestret, T. E. Parker, F. J. Brane, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mrs. G. W. Mann, Mrs. J. B. Tabor, Jr., Mrs. T. V. Goode, and Misses Blanche Pugh, Gladys Hefner and Lillian Southerland.

"It's a boy" or "It's a girl" is heard nine times

—every hour, day and night, from the lips of some doctor or nurse in North Carolina.

Each day there are 216 additions to the Tar Heel family, according to the State Board of Health's vital statistics for the first four months of 1938.

There are approximately four deaths each hour in the State, or one every fifteen minutes. One is killed in a preventable accident about every eight hours, while somebody succumbs to cancer every five hours.

Each day sees an average of more than one suicide, according to the average for the past four months. Each day the number of homicides is one and a fraction and one victim of syphilis dies.

Sparta High School Finals Closed Mon. Morning With The Graduation Exercises

—at which time diplomas were awarded the 35 members of the Senior class. The literary address to the graduating class was delivered by

H. R. Eggers, registrar of Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, who was introduced by W. C. Thompson, superintendent of Alleghany county schools. The theme of Mr. Eggers' address was designed to encourage the class to always learn and work.

Immediately following the address the diplomas were presented by C. R. Roe, principal of the school. Contest awards were presented by Ex-Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton; Sparta.

Those who received diplomas were:

Claude Andrews, Hoke Andrews, Ferol Carpenter, James Church, Robert Crouse, Edna Edwards, Ella Edwards, Pauline Edwards, Page Evans, Imogene Franklin, Mildred Gentry, Emaline Hawthorne, Eugene Higgins, Imajean Hoppers, John W. Inskoop, Paul Irwin, George Mack Irwin, Harrell Joines, Virginia Joines, Doris Jones, Juanita Long, Ray Lundy, Lila Lyons, Wade

McMillan, F. A. McKnight, Robert Myers, Lucile Pugh, Dan Rector, Earl Richardson, Minnie Richardson, E. J. Richardson, Bert Richardson, Edith Rizoti, Pauline Sexton and Alma York.

Included in the exercises held Monday morning was the class program, which was as follows: Address, Paul Irwin, class president; Salutatory address, Miss Pauline Sexton; Class History, Miss Minnie Richardson; Class Prophecy, Miss Virginia Joines; Vocal Solo, Miss Emaline Hawthorne, and Valedictory Address, Miss Alma York.

On Sunday morning, May 22, at eleven o'clock, the commencement sermon was delivered by Rev. D. Sidney McCarty, pastor of the Galax Presbyterian church. The sermon was very instructive and inspiring. The Galax minister was introduced by Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church.

On Saturday morning, May 21 the annual high school debate was held in the high school auditorium. The query of the debate was "Resolved, That the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation." Those participating in the debate were: Dan Rector and Harrell Joines, on the affirmative, and Lucille Pugh, on the negative. Lila Lyons, a negative debater, was unable to participate, due to illness.

The winner of the debate was Harrell Joines. After the debate, the Seventh grade certificates and perfect-attendance certificates were awarded by Superintendent W. C. Thompson.

Saturday afternoon, the recitations and declamations were given. Those who gave recitations were: Texie Hoppers, who recited "Sambo's Defense"; Elvira Wagoner, who gave "China Blue Eyes"; Treva Jarvis, "Angelina Takes a Joy Ride," and Georgene Mitchell, who gave "Scratch, the Newsboy's Dog."

Treva Jarvis was the winner. Those who took part in the (Turn to page five, please)

Sparta will have a cooking and refrigeration

—school today (Thursday), at 2:30 p. m., in the Spartan theatre, conducted by the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., according to an announcement made recently by G. T. Robbins, district manager of the utilities company. The school will be under the direction of Miss Mary Brown Allgood and Mrs. Lynda E. Bailey, home economists.

The school will be sponsored by the local Woman's club. The new electric roaster will be introduced at the school this year. This ultra-modern device in addition to being a roaster, as its name implies, bakes, stews, broils, grills, fries and toasts—actually a complete two-foot electric range which the company claims will bring automatically controlled electric cookery within the reach of even the most modest budget. Despite the small amount of floor space required by a roaster, it has sufficient capacity to prepare a complete meal for eight to ten people.

Miss Allgood will give special attention to electric refrigeration at the school this year. The preparation of a number of new desserts as well as the proper storage of food in the refrigerator will be included in her program. A most cordial invitation is issued by Mr. Robbins to the housewives of this section to attend the school.

Twenty books were donated to the public library

—in Sparta by members of the Woman's club, and others, including Mrs. Edwin Duncan, Mrs. P. L. Choate, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Mrs. S. B. Shulkin, Dan Thompson and Thomas Zack Osborne.

Among the books donated are "A White Bird Flying," by Bess Streeter Aldrich; "Ma Cinderella," by Harold Bell Wright; "Just Around the Corner," by Fannie Hurst; "Blue Window," by Temple Bailey; "Valley of the Giants," Peter B. Kyne; "Her Father's Daughter," by Gene Stratton-Porter and "Border Legion," by Zane Grey. A half dozen new books purchased by the library arrived the early part of this week, including, "The Citadel," by A. J. Cronin; "Riders of the Purple Sage" and "The Rainbow Trail," by Zane Grey, and "Re-Creations," by Grace Livingston Hill.

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The annual reunion of the Colvard family

—and descendants of the Colvard family is to be held at Union Baptist church on Sunday, June 5. This church is located on Highway No. 16, approximately 14 miles from North Wilkesboro, near Wilbur post office.

It is hoped that all Colvards and Colvard relatives will attend this reunion. Also, family connections and friends are especially invited.

Several interesting facts concerning Colvard history have been revealed since the reunion last year and an enjoyable time is planned. A picnic dinner will be served and everybody is asked to take a basket.