

Washington, Nov. 15 (AS)—The fact that many "old line" Democrats, including such staunch party men as Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, elected to go along with the Administration in advocating the repeal of the arms embargo, has been taken in some quarters as proof that the split in the party ranks has been closed up and that all is harmony once more between the New Dealers and the traditional Jeffersonians.

Nothing could be farther from the truth, as the political events of the next few weeks are certain to demonstrate. The recalcitrants who jumped the party lines last year are still as bitterly opposed to the President and the acts of his administration as they were before. They simply regarded the Neutrality matter as something outside of party lines, went along with the President not because repeal of the embargo was his idea, but because they believed in it as the best way of keeping America out of the European war. Their attitude was much like that of Gov. Alf Landon when he went to the Lima Pan-American Congress: "Politics ends at the water line."

**Opposition Still Strong**

When it comes down to the struggle for delegates to the party nominating convention and the effort to pick a candidate for 1940, the same Senators and Representatives and party organization men who have opposed Mr. Roosevelt on domestic questions will be found opposing him again.

It is generally admitted, however, by astute political observers here, that it is likely to be more difficult to prevent him from getting himself nominated for a third term than it would have been had the European war not broken out.

Beyond any question, the very fact that the President, as chief executive, is responsible for the management of our international relations, has strengthened Mr. Roosevelt's position immensely. Even if there is no untoward incident to stir up public indignation and make people believe that we are bound to get into the war, reports from the nation at large indicate a growing feeling that the Administration intends to insist upon the recognition of American rights by all the belligerent nations.

That puts the President, personally, in the position of the outer guardian of American liberties, insures him first-page publicity and distinctly improves his popularity with the masses of the voters. It also puts on him a tremendous responsibility to watch his step and see to it that no act of the Administration gets us embroiled.

So long as he makes no mistake in the handling of foreign affairs—for the Secretary of State is, after all, merely the President's personal aide whom he could dismiss at any time—Mr. Roosevelt is bound to enlarge his personal prestige with the voters.

**Talk Of "Incident"**

There is much speculation going on in Washington as to what sort of an "incident" might precipitate a crisis in our foreign relations which would give the President an opportunity to further assert himself and gain still greater popular acclaim. The German government has always been notoriously inept in its handling of foreign affairs, and many who understand the international situation are expecting some move on Germany's part which could be taken as seriously here as was the German effort to line up Mexico against the United States, which was the final straw that brought us into the last war.

The effort to make such an "incident" out of the seizure of the American ship "City of Flint" by a German sea-raider is being promoted by some of the little group who believe that for the United States to get into the war would insure their jobs for another four years, and so would like to see the shooting start right off.

There is no concern among sober-minded observers here over the "Flint" affair, since Germany has only applied the rules of contraband which were first formulated and made to stick in international law by our own Government, during the Civil War.

There is little concern, either, over the bungling of the Russian authorities in the "Flint" matter. They chased the American ship out of a Russian port as soon as our Government protested. Unless the Germans pull a boner by harming the American crew of the "Flint" nobody in Washington feels that the incident is anything to worry about, since a neutral ship carrying contraband to a belligerent port is always subject to search and seizure.

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## The 21st Armistice Day celebration was clouded

—by the spectre of three great nations in a new conflict and several others watching them warily.

While traditional observance of Armistice Day was curtailed therefore in many places, President Roosevelt led the United States' customary celebration by attending a wreath-laying ceremony at the Unknown Soldier's tomb in Arlington cemetery and pleading for a "new and better peace," one that would cause men to "lay down weapons of hatred."

"We work for peace, we pray for peace and we arm for peace," President Roosevelt said in a telephone address to Virginia Military Institute, observing its 100th anniversary.

"We have never had the illusion that peace and freedom could be based on weakness." Germany took no official recognition of the day, burying instead seven victims who died Wednesday in the Munich explosion apparently intended to kill Adolf Hitler.

War-time restraints marked England's celebration. The customary nation-wide silence at 11 a. m. was foregone publicly but observed privately. The memorial service at the Cenotaph, National Monument in Whitehall, was cancelled for fear of a possible air raid on the large crowd which would have gathered. Services were held, however, in Westminster Abbey where Britain's unknown soldier lay.

King George VI's wreath was the first placed at the Cenotaph. Laid there by Commander Harold Campbell, querry in waiting, it was joined shortly by many others.

The familiar British legion poppy was displayed widely and with it was the French cornflower, a symbol of French-British alliance in the new war.

## Alleghany citizens are urged to join the Red Cross

—during the annual Roll Call which is now in progress, thereby helping in what is generally regarded as a most worthy cause. The Red Cross, it has been pointed out, is a protection to all; it helps everyone to help each other.

Most of the funds raised in Red Cross Roll Calls are kept for use in the United States, and in the communities from which they come. Last year the Red Cross fund in Alleghany County provided groceries for sick, medicine, transportation to hospitals, examination of patients in hospitals, eye glasses for school children, emergency dressings, etc.

Last year \$89.25 was raised during the roll call for Red Cross membership. This, together with a balance of \$14.78, made the total on hand \$104.03. During 1939 \$18.94 was spent for emergency relief, and \$15.80 for illness. \$44.62 was sent to National Headquarters, leaving a balance on hand of \$24.67.

Relief of War-time distress is only one of the many services of the Red Cross. First-aid training, service to the blind, to soldiers in government hospitals, to veterans' families, disaster relief, and other ministrations are duties the Red Cross carries.

Every person who can do so is urged to join the Red Cross this year.

## Circle No. 2 of The Baptist Women's Missionary Union

—held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Taylor, Glade Valley, Tuesday night, November 14.

Mrs. Howard J. Ford presented the program with the following members taking part: Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hugh Choate, Mrs. Roy Burgess, Mrs. J. G. Mitchell and Mrs. Claude Miles.

Following the program, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bruce Wagoner.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ford Tuesday night, December 12, at 7:15. Mrs. Claude Miles will be the leader for the month.

## The monthly Methodist Young People's Union

—meeting was held Friday night, November 10, in the Piney Creek Methodist Church, at which time an Armistice Day Program was given, with Mrs. Guy Perry as program leader.

During the social period, games and contests were enjoyed, after which sandwiches, pickles, pumpkin pie and coffee were served to approximately 60 persons.

## J. C. B. Ehringhaus spoke at Dobson on Armistice Day

—and his speech, which was the principal one delivered at the unveiling of a beautiful monument to

honor the more than 900 Surry County citizens who served in the World War, the former governor expressed the hope that the United States may never be embroiled in another foreign war.

The former Tar Heel governor, speaking on the twenty-first anniversary of the first Armistice Day, urged that the American people keep to the spirit of peace that was born on that day in 1918 and make every effort to keep the United States from becoming entangled in the second world war now in progress in Europe, declaring that this country "is not justified in going further than protecting its own shores."

Ehringhaus was introduced by Judge W. F. Carter, of Mount Airy, oldest practicing attorney in this section of the state. The former governor was followed by John H. Folger, Surry attorney and political leader, who appeared as the personal representative of his brother, Congressman A. D. ("Lon") Folger, who could not be present. Folger, introduced by Hugh Royal, of Elkin, also advocated every reasonable peace effort.

The beautiful shaft, erected in honor of Surry's World War veterans, bears the name of each of the Surry citizens who answered the country's call in 1917-1918. It was erected with funds subscribed several years ago by Surry County school children in a drive which was sponsored by Judge Carter, A. H. Wolfe and E. S. Hendren, the latter two being at that time school officials in the county.

The monument was unveiled by Mrs. Alma Calloway McCollum, of Leaksville, who was a pupil in the Surry County schools at the time of the drive and led the county in the amount of money raised for the memorial. The privilege of unveiling the monument was a prize for her efforts in the campaign.

A large crowd gathered for the exercises, the program for which was arranged by a committee that included W. M. Allen, of Elkin; John Llewellyn, of Dobson; and Mrs. R. J. Lovell, of Mount Airy.

## Governor Hoey will be backed for president

—next year by North Carolina Democrats, Secretary of State Thad Eure told "Garner for President" Democrats Tuesday in Raleigh, if he understood sentiment in the state. Eure, replying to a request from E. B. Germany, of Dallas, Tex., co-chairman of the Garner-for-President committee, for information on the feeling of North Carolina Democrats regarding the possibility of the presidential candidacy of Vice President Garner, said that if he understood sentiment in North Carolina, the party in this state would "most certainly present a united front at the national convention" in behalf of Governor Clyde Roark Hoey.

Germany said the committee understood "that North Carolina Democracy will likely present the name of their own great statesman, Governor Hoey, as their first choice. We sincerely hope that Mr. Garner will be accorded support as your second choice for the nomination."

However, Eure replied: "I am quite certain that little, if any, consideration has been given to a second choice."

## Queen Enlists Among The War Workers



LONDON, England. . . View of Queen Elizabeth's working party at Buckingham Palace, showing the ladies busy knitting socks and sweaters for the soldiers. Her Majesty is seated at the head of the table. Photo passed by the British censor.

## EDITORIAL

### Do Your Duty!

This year, perhaps more than at any time since the World War, the American Red Cross needs your hearty support. With several of the nations of Europe deadlocked in a struggle, the suffering, terror and ruthlessness of which cannot be accurately foreseen, this humanitarian organization will be called upon to do a tremendously big job for the alleviation of suffering among stricken humanity in the countries at war.

Already, one million dollars has been appropriated by the American Red Cross to aid suffering humanity among the peoples of Poland, as a result of the recent ruthless invasion of that country.

Every day thousands of Polish refugees are pouring into neutral surrounding countries. They are without food, clothing, shelter and medical attention and are without any other agency to save them from starvation other than the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross will be called upon this year to alleviate suffering among the people of our own country, as well as among the peoples of foreign countries, judging from past experience. Over a period of the last sixteen years, the average number of disasters annually requiring Red Cross relief has been 96 in this country.

During the past year, the experienced hand of the American Red Cross gave rescue, food, shelter, clothing, medical aid and rehabilitation assistance at the scene of 157 domestic disasters. The number of persons aided in disasters during the year throughout the United States was approximately 130,000, at a total expenditure of \$2,276,109.

In addition to disaster relief last year Home Service Workers dealt with the problems of 150,606 individual cases of war-disabled veterans. In hospitals and regional offices of the Veterans Administration, representatives of the Red Cross dealt with 54,792 ex-service men and their families; 355,110 persons were trained in First Aid to combat the inroads of accidental death and serious injury; 100,361 persons received Life Saving Certificates qualifying them to rescue and treat drowning; 1,053 highway first aid stations were opened; 134,103 families assisted with social and financial guidance, and Red Cross Public Health Nurses cared for 272,729 persons by making 1,946,933 visits.

When we realize that these are only a few of the activities participated in by the American Red Cross, we marvel at the usefulness and capacity for service of this great organization.

The American Red Cross depends almost entirely for financial aid for its many activities upon the enrollment of membership. The quota for Alleghany County during this Roll Call is not unreasonable, and the good people of our county ought easily to meet it. The Roll Call started Saturday, November 11 and will continue until November 30.

No person best serves his community and nation unless he, or she, is willing at all times to extend a helping hand to others. Join the American Red Cross during this Roll Call and add your part in helping to alleviate suffering among your fellowmen! You will be a more useful and happier citizen as a result. We believe Alleghany County will go "over the top" during this Roll Call, if each will do our part. JOIN TODAY!

## The Wayne Magic Show will be given at Piney Creek

—at Piney Creek High School, tonight (Thursday), at seven o'clock, through the courtesy of Allied Mills, Inc., manufacturers of Wayne Feeds, and Smithey's Store, Sparta, local Wayne Feed dealer. The show will be free and the public is invited. Complimentary tickets may be obtained at Smithey's Store here.

Magic and fun for everyone—magic that would make the Thief of Bagdad "wall-eyed" with envy, a bewildering whirlpool of sensation, "mystic" surprises that will widen the eyes of those attending with astonishment is promised those who attend.

Clifford P. Kirkpatrick, "the man who mystifies magicians," is the feature attraction of the show. Mr. Kirkpatrick, veteran magician and globe trotter, has performed magic for more than 34 years.

He comes from a family which for many years has been noted for their ability to wield the "magic wand" and pull unusual objects out of hats.

Another very popular feature of the magic show is to be the showing of an educational sound movie—"Vitamins on Parade." This movie actually shows vitamins and illustrates in natural color the part they play in chick health and growth. Those who see the picture will have a clearer understanding of how vitamins work to make poultry and livestock feeders more money, it is said.

## Hitler let the world know Tuesday that he considers

—the possibility of peace non-existent at present since Britain and France failed to accept the November 7 mediation offer from the sovereigns of Belgium and the Netherlands.

Hitler's views were made known through his foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who told the envoys of the two rulers that the reply would be a polite "no."

Von Ribbentrop gave this notification to Viscount Jacques Davignon, Belgian ambassador, and H. M. Van Haersma de With, Netherlands minister, in advance of formal delivery of the reply in Brussels and the Hague.

## The sinking of a British destroyer early

—Tuesday, and of ten other vessels in the past few days, with a toll of at least 33 dead and many critically injured among the survivors Tuesday night, heralded intensified warfare on the high seas, it was said in London.

The sinking coincided with an unofficial Nazi threat to torpedo all British ships "on the assumption that they are armed" and a statement in the House of Commons that Britain may order submarine chasers from the United States to cope with the U-boat menace if British shipbuilding yards should prove incapable of keeping abreast of the challenge.

The unidentified destroyer, sixth British naval vessel to be sent to the bottom since the start of the war, struck a Nazi mine and foundered just before dawn Tuesday with one woman dead, six missing and 15 injured.

Seventy survivors of the destroyer, suffering from exposure and shock and some on stretchers, were landed at English ports by rescue boats after the warship went down stern first near the coast.

It was the first destroyer lost by the British navy in the war. Rescuers told of heroic actions on the part of the destroyer's seamen, including one sailor in the oil-covered water who refused rescue until men in worse plight had been saved and swam away singing:

"Even Hitler had a mother."

The news of the loss of the destroyer was accompanied by details of the sinking of 10 other ships, including a Norwegian tanker and a British freighter shelled and sunk by Nazi U-boats without warning according to statements of survivors.

## In his own home in Wilkes County— Sanford Maurice Burchette, formerly of Alleghany County, was shot to death

—Saturday night, November 11, as he was undressing to retire for the night. A load of slugs from a shotgun in the hands of an unknown assailant outside the window struck Burchette in the chest and he dropped dead at the feet of his wife. J. A. Burchette, a brother of the slain man, lives in Sparta.

## J. Will Taylor, congressman from Tennessee, died

—Tuesday, November 14, at LaFollette, Tenn. Taylor, who was born in Union County, Tennessee, and who was 59 years of age at the time of his death, had returned Monday to his home from Washington, D. C., where he had voted with the administration forces for repeal of the arms embargo at the recent special session of Congress.

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## Alleghany County will have a 1940 Burley tobacco

—marketing quota referendum on Tuesday, November 21. This referendum, with voting places to be located

in the Court House in Sparta and at Turkey Knob School, will be held in view of the fact that the Secretary of Agriculture had duly proclaimed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 312 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, a national marketing quota for Burley tobacco for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1940. The referendum will be for farmers who were engaged in the production of the 1939 crop of Burley tobacco.

If more than one-third of the farmers voting in the referendum oppose the national marketing quota, the quota will not be in effect for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1940.

Voting will be in progress from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

## The Library Committee of the Woman's Club

—which sponsors the Sparta Public Library, held a meeting Monday, November 13, at the home of Mrs.

Crystal Heinz. The committee, the members of which are Mrs. Heinz, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Mrs. Jay Hardin, Mrs. R. E. Black, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. Amos Wagoner and Mrs. Albert Richardson, appointed Mrs. Mexa Phipps as librarian.

At this time plans were made for increasing interest in the library, and ways and means were discussed. The committee is optimistic over the outlook for the library.

The following books have been lent to the Sparta Public Library for a limited time, by Mrs. Crystal Heinz: "Job," by Joseph Roth; "The House in Paris," by Elizabeth Bower; "Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing," by Lawes; Van Loon's Geography, "Saint Saturnin," by Schumberger; "And Life Goes On," by Vicki Baub; "The Memorabilia of Fifty Years," by Rondthaler; "The Standard Opera and Concert Guide," by George P. Upton; "Arctic Adventure," by Frenchen; "Susan Spray," by Sheila-Kaye Smith; "Audobon," by Rourke; "The Fountain," Charles Morgan, and "Mozart," by Davenport.

The library will be open every week day except Wednesday, from 9:30 to 1:00 o'clock, and from 2:00 to 4:30 o'clock.

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