



WASHINGTON, D. C. — With the Finnish conflict out of the way, "Stop the War" exhortations are popping up on the British political horizon.

But three factors make such a course impossible in present circumstances: (1) A secret visit was paid to London last week by August Zaleski, Polish Foreign Minister in exile, who in the course of conversation received the most positive assurance possible from the British Cabinet that the Allies would not sheathe the sword until full restitution had been made to Poland.

(2) The Premier informed M. Zaleski that he considered Field Marshal Hermann Goering in no way more acceptable as Germany's ruler than Hitler, and that he could dismiss from his mind all possibility of an "arranged peace" with the Nazis based on Hitler's replacement by Goering;

(3) The Allied Governments have taken the definite decision that economic warfare against the Reich must be supplemented by military action at the first suitable opportunity.

President Roosevelt is telling friends that Cordell Hull would make a good President and could be elected. This expression tends to head off Garner and quiet fears in Congress of a left wing Democrat winning the nomination.

You may expect a hard drive by both major political parties for the 1940 farm vote. The Republicans must win that vote if they are to regain power.

BRIEFLY: Former Democratic National Chariman J. J. Shouse, who bolted the party in 1934 to organize the American Liberty League, keeps an office in Washington and is still the President of the League.

Piney Creek

Piney Creek, Mar. 18.—Mrs. Ennice Hash is slowly improving from her recent illness. Piney Creek, Mar. 19.—A number of relatives and friends of Mrs. Bird Osborne gave her a surprise Sunday, March 17, when they met at her home with baskets of food and a number of presents to help celebrate her 58th birthday.

Mechanical defects of automobiles were held responsible for only 9.4% of the 1939 highway fatalities in North Carolina.

Our World...

Russia And Finland "Agree"

Helsinki, Finland—Giant Russia and little Finland formally ended their unequal 3½-month war on Mar. 13, and Foreign Minister V. A. Tanner in a poignant radio speech to the mourning nation said that Finland had had no choice.

However, Finland will begin immediately to fortify her newly narrowed frontiers and to reorganize her battered army. Premier Risto Ryti told the Diet last night the nation would go forward "with a sword" in one hand and a trowel in the other, in her determination to be strong.

Cheaper Farm Homes

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt approved today the first large-scale Federal housing project designed to provide the country's lowest-income farm workers with homes renting for less than \$1 a week.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson revealed in press conference that he was going to investigate charges brought against the Federal Bureau of Investigation headed by J. Edgar Hoover for alleged high-handed methods used in "getting their men."

Billions For Fighting

Tokyo—Approval by the House of Peers Mar. 15 completed adoption of Japan's record General Budget of about \$2,427,657,000 for 1940. Sixty-five per cent of the total is allotted to the fighting forces.

Is It "Peace, Peace"?

Rome—Premier Benito Mussolini and Fuehrer Adolf Hitler were en route Sunday night to a secret meeting place near the Italo-German frontier for a surprise conference directly connected with the diplomatic mission in Europe of Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's envoy.

Sad Mine Disaster

St. Clairsville, Ohio.—The number of men unaccounted for in the Willow Grove mine disaster was placed at 69 Sunday and an official said, "Hope of reaching them alive is dwindling fast." The men were trapped by a devastating explosion shortly after 11 a. m. Saturday. Four others were killed and more than 100 gassed or injured.

Snap Shots And Sun Spots

Looks like somebody's been pushing our front page around. Well, we reckon they did. Anyway you'll hardly mistake what paper you are picking up now. And it gives better arrangement for various features.

And from today we sail under a new name, which is only the old original name added ahead of that we've used for 15 years. "Twas over 50 years ago "The Star" was started. The last 15 years the county paper has been "The Alleghany Times," and so it is fitting we should go on now with the "Star-Times."

And, you may discover that new features are being added constantly, to make the paper useful to the widest range of readers. This week we add a regular Washington feature and "Detective Riley." Many have been made glad by Slim Jim's return to our columns. And we have other new features in prospect.

Our newcomer to the office is enjoying the friendliness of Sparta people, and is convinced of what she had heard, that Alleghany is a good county.

Somebody wrote in to ask what a Cocktail Manicure is, and if Sally learned it in Miami. They didn't enclose a stamp or addressed envelope for reply, but they did prove that Star-Times ads are read very carefully and even critically. Advertisers are glad when their ads are read and studied, even word by word.

Yes, and if you're looking for bargains in farms or banjos you'll find 'em in our Want Ads this week. The people's wants are in the inexpensive and newsworthy Want Ads.

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send us a post card, so we can check up on the delivery. All copies of the Star-Times go into the mail very early on Thursday morning, and should reach you in reasonable time. If your paper arrives too late, we need some definite information on a post card to check up by.

Seems good to have the sun-shine a little warmer and a little longer each day. It, too, is apparently "coming out" for the Easter time. And it seems good to see Mrs. Robert Gambill about on the street again after weeks of close attention to colds and home duties.

Town improvements go right along, and now with WPA help the street is being graded and widened up by Osborn's. Some day more sidewalks will be put in, and will add much to the town.

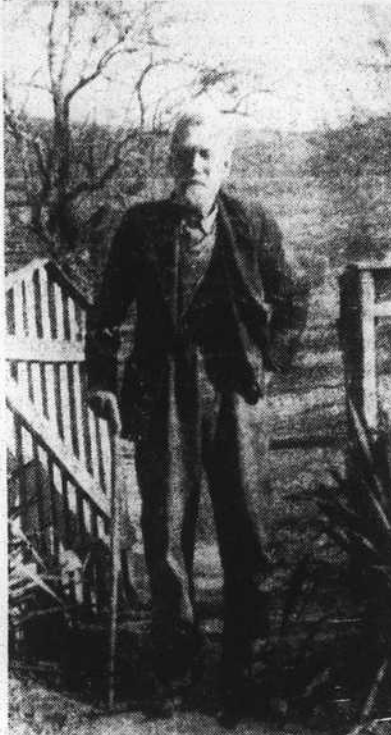
Talk about best dressed people of Alleghany County, well, we nominate Prof. Roe as being well toward the top of the list of those who are careful in keeping their clothes in nice shape. And Dr. Thompson's fresh light suit on these sunny days tells of his confidence that spring is about here.

Indeed, yesterday was official the first day of spring, the time of the vernal equinox—and the oldsters will know what that is, for it was taught in school when father was a boy.

Had you noticed what a real community is growing around Twin Oaks? With a sawmill there, and several businesses, and new homes being added, it promises to be a thriving place. The very location is much to its advantage.

The response to our special subscription offer for March has been very pleasing, and we know those scissors will be enjoyed in many a home. We still have scissors for those who wish them. Now we announce another offer, which will enable everyone to have the Star-Times. You'll see it on page six. Better use it while the opportunity is here.

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Mr. John Taylor, of Laurel Springs, who is believed to be the oldest citizen of Alleghany County, as he is nearing his 95th birthday. He has the added distinction of being the sole remaining Confederate veteran in the county.

Rich Hill School Honor Roll

- For the sixth and seventh months is as follows:
For sixth month:
First Grade: Lois Crouse, Geraldine Johnson and Lorene Fender.
Second Grade: Alfojean Johnson.
Fourth Grade: Earl Fender.
Sixth Grade: Bessie Edwards and Virginia Edwards.
Seventh Grade: Norma Fender and Dennis Franklin.
For seventh month:
First Grade: Lois Crouse and Lorene Fender.
Third Grade: Odell Wright.
Fifth Grade: Guy Dickenson, Wilma Fender and Roxie Brooks.
Sixth Grade: Alma Fender, Virginia Edwards and Clifford Crouse.
Seventh Grade: Lyla Dickenson, Ruby Dickenson, Norma Fender, Helen Spurlin and Dennis Franklin.

Services At Antioch

Primitive Baptist Church will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24, (D. V.) with Elder Ed Douglas of Galax, and Elder Coy Walker in charge.

The Woman's Missionary Society

of the Methodist Church met Friday, March 15, with Mrs. Cora Carson, Mrs. Granville Lyles and Mrs. J. B. Lyles were joint hostesses. The president, Mrs. J. T. Inskip held the devotional, Mrs. R. E. Black and Mrs. R. E. Dobbins gave the program on "Christian Education in India." At the business session plans were made for the Bake Sale which will be held Saturday, March 23, at Jay Hardin's store.

Shiloh

Shiloh, Mar. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hampton and daughter, Edith Mae, visited the home of F. A. Mitchell Sunday. Miss Mollie Hampton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Truitt and family near Baywood, Va.

Praises Seed Testing Laboratory

Wilson N. C.—North Carolina farmers have "one of the nation's finest seed testing laboratories, the services of which have saved growers thousands of dollars," Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott told farmers Tuesday at Black Creek School.

Easter services with special music will be

—features of the morning program at the Sparta Presbyterian Church next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Berry will deliver an Easter message, and Miss Joan Mead of Washington, D. C., will render special violin music. Also, the church choir has prepared some special numbers for this occasion.

Second Quarterly Conference

—of Sparta Methodist charge will be held at Shiloh Church Sunday, March 24, beginning, at 11 o'clock, when Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Supt. of Elkin District, will preach. Dinner will be served on the grounds, and in the afternoon the sermon will be given by Dr. L. B. Abernathy, Conference Missionary Secretary.

The Rummage Sale

—held last Saturday by the Young Women's Circle of the Methodist Church was quite successful, it is reported by Misses Wanda Choate and Mildred Wagoner who had charge. The sale will be continued this coming Saturday in the same place, the room in the Transou building recently vacated by the Library, and which has been secured by Mr. Mead of the Star-Times in which to install his printing equipment.

The Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy announces

—examinations of candidates for appointment to the Corps. The first will be a non-assembled examination for which candidates will submit their records in education and experience. Those found qualified for further examination may appear in Washington in June for physical and written professional examinations.

Safety Sermons

Keep your hands on the wheel—soft shoulders are dangerous. The first rule of driving courtesy. Be a safe and courteous driver on the highway. Don't be as fensive driver. You can be as lite at the steering wheel as can be at the dinner table.



Mrs. Anna Kitchin Josey, of Scotland Neck, appointed manager of the Women's Division of the campaign organization of Lieutenant Governor Wilkin P. Horton, of Pitt-boro, candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

The Young Woman's

—Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Robert M. Gambill. Two visitors were present. Miss Lillie Ervin, program leader, gave a very interesting program on the life of Isabell Thoburn. The following had part on the program: Rev. L. F. Strader, Mrs. Robert Gambill and Miss Stella Billings.

The Baptist State Sunday School

—officers meeting will be held in the First Church in Lexington, N. C., March 25 and 26. Outstanding speakers and conference leaders will attend this meeting from the State Sunday School Department and also from the Southern Baptist Convention of Nashville, Tenn.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shouse announce the arrival of a son, Monday morning, March 18, the Wilkesboro Hospital. They have named him Fred, for Fred Hubbard, of the hospital, a Clifton for his daddy, Don Clifton Shores.

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