



Washington, D. C.—With Hitler adding group after group in the United States to those who already have strong sentimental reasons for an Allied victory, the chances of this country remaining neutral seem to be slowly receding. The possibility of our joining the fracas this year is slight, but should the war run on to '41 and German conquests continue, pressure for our participation is bound to increase tremendously.

The Government's interest in Greenland shows that world problems confronting this country have suddenly—since the invasion of Norway—grown more complex. The Dutch East Indies would become an immediate object of concern in this country, in the event of a Nazi drive on Holland. With Japan openly coveting these Dutch possessions—with their immense wealth in oil, rubber and tin—the American Navy might find itself called upon for protection by an invaded Holland.

Republican politicians who until now have given Thomas E. Dewey the cold shoulder are beginning to wonder if they have missed the bus. Dewey, who probably doesn't know as much about national affairs as Senator Taft has forgotten, seems nevertheless to have captured the popular imagination, and voters who thus far have had the opportunity to choose between these gentlemen seem to prefer Young Tom. Some picture Mr. Dewey as a liberal Gallahad battling against reactionary forces, but a glance at the man who are backing him and would share his power if he got in shows that they belong to an important Wall Street crowd. As for instance:

John Foster Dulles, a senior partner in Sullivan & Cromwell, one of the largest corporation law firms in New York; Artemus Gates, president of the fabulously wealthy New York Trust Co., who is a son-in-law of a late J. P. Morgan partner; S. Sloan Colt, president of the Bankers Trust Co., and other equally wealthy men. None of these, however, is a really big-time politician, the exception being Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, daughter of Mark Hanna, who seems to be the woman behind the gun, and the only real politician in the crowd. The Dewey machine may suffer later on from a lack of professional talent, but it is in the meanwhile enjoying the sponsorship of the largest and most imposing array of big money men to get behind any Presidential candidate in the past 20 years.

Our crystal ball seems to prophesy many interesting events for the month of May. Thumbing through the predate guide, we notice that Princess Ingrid, of Denmark, expects a baby during that month—will there still be any Danish throne? . . . Neville Chamberlain will complete three years as premier—perhaps! . . . Dr. Ley, Nazi Labor chief, and clubfoot Goebbels, propaganda head, will award prizes for the Naziest books and films released during the past year in Germany! . . . In May, Earl Browder will be nominated for the presidency, and Gracie Allen, "surprise party" candidate for the same job, will also hold a convention! . . . And on the 11th, the New York World's Fair reopens with the theme, "For Peace and Freedom." All of this is recorded for the cold purpose of diverting your mind from war, politics and other sordid thoughts!

**Finland's ski soldiers took a tip**  
—from Mother Nature and demonstrated that protective coloration can be a life saver. Their white capes blended with the snow to hide them from the enemy. But protective coloration can work both ways, the state police point out. For instance, if you wear dark clothing while walking along a road at night, you will be virtually invisible to motorists. Protective coloration of this type is far from protective for a pedestrian.



# Our world...

## Hoping to Curb War's Spread

Paris—Dangers of the European war spreading into Sweden and Yugoslavia, now neutral, were reported as being brought into sharp relief by a two-day meeting of the Allied war council, ending April 23. The council studied plans by which to meet any eventuality that a new German invasion might bring about.

## Italian Watchword, "Labor and Arms"

Rome, April 21—Premier Mussolini in a two-sentence speech gave "labor and arms" as the watchword of the Italian people today in the face of developments in the European war, while Giovanni Ansaldo underscored his warning of a week ago that Italy could not remain permanently outside the conflict.

## "Treat Germany Rough" England's Attitude

London—Alfred Duff Cooper, former War Secretary, gave voice to the sentiments of the English people in a "treat Germany rough" phraseology. "The war must not, like the last one in 1918, conclude in the overdone sympathy of the Versailles treaty," he said.

## First Big Battle in Norway

London—Allied and German troops are engaged in the first big battle in Norway, the Allies seeking to oust the German army which now holds the gate to Oslo. Allied troops threaten the Nazis on three fronts.

## Threatened Floods in Ohio Valley

Cincinnati—Steady showers in the Ohio Valley have again caused flood conditions in many towns of this section. However, the weather bureau doggedly sticks to its prediction that the river will reach its crest at sixty feet.

## Roosevelt and Premier Mackenzie King

Warm Springs, Ga., April 23.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, of Canada, today held a conference. The president insists that it had no political significance, although Canada is now fighting a war for her mother country, England, and the United States is affected vitally by it.

## Dewey Speaks on Social Problems

Los Angeles, April 20—Thomas E. Dewey told the California Republican assembly tonight that the nation "demands an administration which looks upon social security as a necessary safe-guard to workers who may occasionally be unemployed, not as a substitute for allowing the country to go back to work."

## Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Often we have enjoyed those majestic pine trees next to the Post Office, and their very strength has been an inspiration. But in Sparta the wind really does blow at times, and last Friday it simply snapped one of those trees right off about fifteen feet above ground, and threw the top two-thirds of it across Mr. Burchette's front steps—for firewood or lumber.

And speaking of wind, we hear that a whirlwind moved a barn for John Higgins about six inches off its foundation, and turned a spring house upside down. Looks like the wind resents the old tale of the superior power of the sun, and wants to demonstrate a couple of things the sun might not be able to do.

Sparta surely is growing, for not only did one of our firms—Delp Brothers—establish a branch store in another city, but now our Alleghany Watch Co. branches out to establish itself also in West Jefferson.

The way our friends are rallying to our aid in gathering news and county correspondence is simply great. We are indeed thankful, and wish we could get around to thank each one personally. Some news items have not appeared in print. The reason is, we must have the writer's name, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith. When there is no signature we question the very items. So, sign your messages, and we'll endeavor to use them properly and respect your wishes about use of your name.

One thing leads us on to another, and we are reminded of our need for another correspondent to send us Glade Valley news. Probably there is someone who would enjoy sending items each week, but they need some stimulus to make the start. Inertia is a very real thing, whether in humans or in a block of granite.

There is a book on "Topsy-Turvy Land," and it is not too hard to understand. But Robert Joines had us dizzy yesterday when he tried to tell us, "had is good, and good is bad." It was finally made comprehensible by the little explanation that in bad weather the barbering business is good, because more men go in for a haircut, while in good

weather business is bad, for the reason that men are too busy about their work and business.

Our Boy Scouts are going along nicely, and ere long will be seen in some regulation uniforms, which will identify them as regular Boy Scouts. But of greater momentary interest is the fact that two groups of Camp Fire Girls have been organized, and application made for admission to the national organization. If anything, the girls have been more anxious than were the boys for a local organization, and now both are happy. One group of girls is under Mrs. Hardin's direction, with Mrs. Warren's help. And a younger group is guided by Mrs. Ima Vaughan, with Mrs. Berry's sponsorship.



Lois Jean Crouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rhudy Crouse, Galax, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cabell Choate, Edwards Cross Roads, who was one of the contestants in a recent "Most Beautiful Child of 1940" contest, conducted by the Galax Gazette. Mr. Choate, the child's grandfather, is one of the guards at the prison camp near Sparta.

## Mildred Taylor, of Sparta, will model clothing

—along with 142 other girls representing nine North Carolina colleges, who will model clothing made by themselves in the 13th annual Cotton Style Show at State College April 25, Dean Thomas Nelson of the Textile School has announced. Miss Taylor is a student in Appalachian State Teachers College.

All of the participating girls are making their garments with fabrics designed and woven by students in the State College Textile School. The annual Style Show was originated by Dean Nelson in 1928 to boost the use of cotton in feminine wearing apparel, and over 1,200 college girls have participated in the first 12 expositions.

Many of these girls now are teaching home economics and spreading Dean Nelson's doctrine that cotton goods can be converted at home into fashionable and economic clothing.

Each girl participating in the Style Show is permitted to select her fabrics from samples submitted by the textile students. They make the garments as part of their classwork in home economics.

After the Style Show, the 143 visiting girls and their teachers will inspect the new textile building and see students demonstrate processes by which raw cotton is transformed into beautiful fabrics.

Girls participating in the Style Show this year represent 78 North Carolina communities and eight other states.

## Governor Hoey allocated for road improvement

—work in North Carolina, including both primary and secondary roads, the sum of \$5,000,000 from the highway fund surplus, in Raleigh Thursday. Sky-rocketing tax receipts enabled Governor Hoey to make the allocation.

The governor announced the allocation at a press conference Thursday afternoon and simultaneously disclosed he had "definitely determined" there would be no diversion of highway funds to the general fund this year.

Hoey said returns from the state income tax, which are headed for an all-time record, virtually had assured a surplus of more than \$2,000,000 in the general fund at the end of the current fiscal year. Increased receipts from the state tax on gasoline and from the sale of automobile license plates will assure a highway fund surplus of more than \$3,100,000 on June 30, he added.

## Elder S. B. Denny of Wilson, N. C. will preach

—the commencement sermon for Sparta High School on Sunday, May 5th at 11 o'clock and preach in Little River Primitive Baptist Church Sunday night.

## Elders Troy Blevins and Guy Brooks

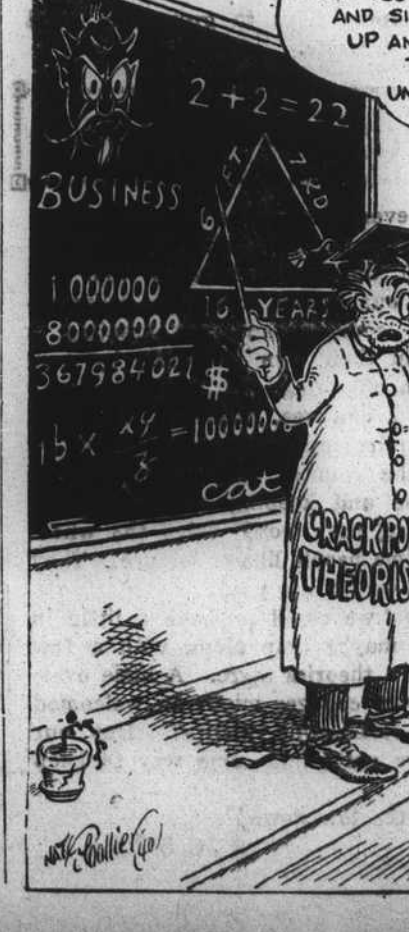
—are expected to be the preachers at coming Saturday and Sunday at Cherrylane Church, April 27 and 28.

## Roosevelt urged a "liberal pair" of candidates

It was an out-and-out political talk that Mr. Roosevelt made by radio to a series of country-wide dinners of Young Democrats' clubs. And while it carried an obvious bid for continuance of the New Deal, it offered no tangible clue to the outstanding political question of the day: will the president seek a third term?

The chief executive added: "It seems to me very obvious that if the Democratic party is to defeat the Republican party next November we must nominate a liberal pair of candidates, running on a liberal and forward-looking platform."

## TIME FOR THE FACTS



## Court Week in Sparta brings a total of 57 cases to be presented

—before Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, who will preside over Superior Court when it convenes Monday.

Of the total cases, 42 are on the Criminal Docket and 15 on the Civil Docket.

Prosecution will be in the hands of Earl McMichael of Winston-Salem.

On the Criminal Docket five are charged with breaking jail: Lester Todd, Robert Dixon, Robert Smith, Troy Fortner and Bill Watson. Three are charged with non-support: Young Tompkins, Lester Todd and Bill Watson. Five are charged with assault: George Hodge, Bill McCann, George Whitaker, Frank Hodge and Raymond Crouse, and two charged with assault with attempt to kill: Robert Smith and Robert Dixon.

Larceny charges are made against seven: Paul Brannon, Bill Phillips, Talmage Poole, Troy Fortner, Georgia Lee Pierce and Bill Watson, Carl Hodge, Jeff Alley and Claude Dowell, Ben Aldred, Russell Bosenger, Jason Edwards, Bill Connell and Gordon Bruer.

Twelve are charged with driving while drunk: Hurley Edwards, Harvey Barker, Willie Wooten, Robert Reeves, Mathew McMillan, Charlie Lee Pierce, A. M. Withers, Buster Atwood, Odell Holbrooks, Charlie Harris, Woodrow Billings and John Taylor, Jr.

Two charges of breaking and entering are made, against: Robey Winebarger and Dewey Huff.

Purvis Todd and Lester Todd are charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Robert Smith and Robert Dixon are charged with burning and destroying two haystacks.

Robert Sexton is charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Johnnie Greer is charged with violating the Prohibition law.

Bill Watson is charged with forgery.

Troy Fortner is charged with manufacturing whiskey.

Of the 16 Civil cases, one seeks to collect an account, one is over a note, four seek satisfaction over wills and deeds, and four are against the State Highway Commission over lands included in Blue Ridge Parkway. Four seek divorce: J. C. Sherrill, Jr., Marie Croft, Shirley Roberts, and Clara Joines Brown. One case grows out of the truckload of whiskey seized near Roaring Gap; the Credit Company wants the truck.

## Rev. R. L. Berry will preach Sunday

—in the Sparta Presbyterian Church and Miss Joan Mead will play violin selections for the service.

## Alleghany Watch Co. will open a branch in West Jefferson

—at once, it was announced by J. P. Hayes yesterday. And so another Sparta firm branches out and enlarges its field of operation. Mr. Hayes, with Leo Miller of Laurel Springs, has bought out the Godfrey Anderson Jewelry Co., of West Jefferson, and together they will enlarge and operate in both Sparta and West Jefferson with a better line of jewelry.

Mr. Miller is an expert watchmaker and operated his own shop in Stony Point, N. C. several years. Mr. Hayes has built up a nice business in Sparta as the Alleghany Watch Co.

With their combined ability and energy they should be able to serve the public well.

## NYA will hold a N. C. Youth Day at Manteo July 5

—when the aim is to have as many young people as possible visit this historic spot and see the production of "The Lost Colony," on Roanoke Island, N. C.

The program arranged is:

A swimming party in Roanoke Sound during the afternoon; A fish fry at 5 p. m.; Hon. Harold D. Cooley, U. S. Congressman, and D. B. Lassenter, Deputy NYA National Administrator have been requested to address the youths following the supper. Presentation of the Lost Colony at 8:15 p. m. A party will be given the youths by the town of Manteo after the performance. NYA youth workers making this trip will be permitted to make up work project hours missed while they are away.

Alleghany school authorities are asked to interest their students in making the trip to Manteo. Any youth interested may contact Leo M. Woodruff, NYA County Supervisor.

## Dr. Luther Edwards completed a dental program covering

—twelve weeks in Alleghany County under the auspices of the District Health Department and the State Board of Health, though unable to work for more than a week of this time due to inclement weather.

Dr. Edwards attended the college of Charleston, S. C., and then was graduated from the Atlanta Southern Dental College in 1931, following which he practiced in Greensboro, N. C., and in Latta, S. C., before affiliating

## Miss Edna Poole's Music pupils will give a recital

—Friday night, April 26, in the High School auditorium at 8 o'clock. This is the annual recital given by those who have studied under Miss Poole through the school year. The public is invited.