



Our world...

British Dissension Over Norway

London—Opposition to the Chamberlain cabinet rallied around a British naval hero, Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who claimed that the failure of the British to take Trondheim lay in the fact that the cabinet blocked the plans of the fleet. The opposition that rallied behind him in his charge of the shocking blunder in Norway is becoming more and more real, and Winston Churchill, on whose shoulders the Prime Minister unequivocally placed the burden of henceforth personally directing grand strategy on land, sea, and in the air, is to reply to the government critics.

Holland Prepares For Storm

The Hague—Holland took extra defense precautions, cut off all messages in the war crisis, canceled all army and navy leaves, restricted civilian train traffic to facilitate troop movements, and suspended communications as all defense are manned.

Egypt Prepared Against Attack

Alexandria, Egypt—A new squadron of Allied cruisers and auxiliary warcraft arrived in Alexandria on May 7, and British officials said, "We are ready to meet Italy on land, sea, and air, should she decide to fight."

The Balkan States Tremble

Budapest—Fear of war grips the Balkans, with German, Russian, Italian, and Turkish troops on the march, and Allied fleets concentrated in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Will Hungary Follow Norway?

Budapest—The official Hungarian news agency published a report that Germany had asked the Hungarian government for the right to send troops through the country. . . The British are said to be seeking the alliance of Rumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

Serious Forest Fire Near Boone

Boone, N. C.—A forest fire near here has burned over 3,000 to 5,000 acres and to within a mile of the Blue Ridge parkway. In addition to the men from two CCC camps who were fighting the fire, a call has been sent for others with special fire fighting equipment.

Washington, D. C.—The setback suffered by the Allies in Norway seems to have renewed the interest of Congress for adequate national defense. Favorable Congressional sentiment is already evident by the drift shown on the issue of loans to France and Britain. There is no doubt as to how this country would react if the situation abroad suggested an Allied defeat. That suggestion, however, is not likely to come, unless the French and British people lose their courage and bow to adversity. Cabled reports from Allied countries indicate that their people can be relied upon to strengthen their war organization and to steel themselves for the greater effort that lies ahead.

Southern Norway appears doomed to become another Poland, at least for the time being. Its people's gallant effort in defense of their homeland will undoubtedly give Germany the excuse it needs for a campaign of reprisal and a show of the brutality it exhibited in Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is a bitter irony of war that now turns part of this Scandinavian nation, one of the most progressive and democratic in Europe, into a dictator's concentration camp.

When Admiral J. K. Taussig told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, "I cannot see how we can ultimately prevent being drawn into war," isolationists showed visible signs of agitation. Meanwhile cloakrooms and corridors have taken up the cry and are abuzz with Washington's No. 1 question: Can we keep out of war? Officially the elected spokesmen of the nation echo a reverberation "Yes." But off the record more than a score are saying "No." The question, however, should be, "Where? In Europe or the Far East?"

All of a sudden the name of Wendell L. Willkie has come into discussion as a Republican presidential possibility. Numerous important people recognize in him the most articulate voice possessed by business. Many believe he would make the ideal candidate; liberal, yet within the framework of conservatism.

Some weeks ago Willkie appeared as guest star on radio's "Information, Please" program. To the astonishment of those who did not know him, he demonstrated a surprising knowledge and grasp of governmental affairs. Later he took on Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, and still more recently, Interior Secretary Ickes, sending his audiences away with a new appreciation of his abilities. He is not, however, an avowed candidate; has no delegates pledged to him, and at present those backing his candidacy are only seeking a few delegates from his native Indiana, to remind the convention that Willkie is available in case a deadlock occurs.

The Republican claim that the New Deal has not done anything for the small business man suggests the possibility of the enactment of a bill to broaden the power of Federal reserve banks to make loans to small borrowers. But common sense economy and spending will collide more and more as Congress attempts to speed its work, looking toward an early July adjournment.

Citron
Citron, May 7.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everette Mabe, a boy, April 30, named Everett Jr.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Hamm, son, Ray, and Roy Wyatt made a business trip to North Wilkesboro Wednesday.

Major Ellis, Wilkesboro, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Glenn Royal.

Mrs. Levette Sheets and daughter, Dare, visited Mrs. Everett Mabe, Friday.

Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Mother's Day, May 12, and what a lot of flowers will be showered upon mothers, both literally and by word. Too often, much too often, Mother is the unsung hero of a long struggle to make men and women out of more or less wayward boys and girls. Talk all you will about self-made men; it is well to look back and observe the quiet steady influence of an earnest and often pious mother as she works and sows the seeds of diligence and perseverance that seem to be wasted, but often spring up in her children's lives years after and bear fruit she may not live to see. As a greater writer remarked, "The paths of a good woman are strewn with flowers; but they rise up behind her—not before."

And for a Mother's Day offering we wish to suggest that the sweet influence of Mother's Day be allowed to extend to all the days of the year. If mother half deserves all the wealth of kindnesses heaped upon her on Mother's Day, she deserves a larger share of sympathy and consideration on 364 other days. A word of appreciation and a flower on Mother's Day are beautiful. Yes, and a word of appreciation and a flower on some other day, when skies may be very dull and the prospect drear, would be just as beautiful. Some day mother will go away, beyond the reach of our voice. And then we can only wish we had said the kind word she would have appreciated. So let us extend the Mother's Day spirit to all the days she may be with us.

May 12, 1820, Florence Nightingale was born, she who did more than any one person to establish nursing as a profession of nobility, and to convince the nations of earth that a wounded soldier is worthy of some consideration. She had no easy time, for those were brutal days for women and for soldiers. But her spirit never waned, and today nurses everywhere live by a Florence Nightingale pledge, and hold up her life as a constant inspiration to noble service for those who suffer.

And May 12, this year, is also Hospital Day throughout the nation, when hospitals everywhere in the United States and Canada hold open house. They invite everyone to come in and get acquainted. Some put on quite elaborate programs of entertainment, both scientific and educational. Indeed, even from National City in California, only eleven miles from "Down by the Border, down Mexico way" comes a personal invitation from Paradise Valley Sanitarium, that wins national awards for its efforts on

Hospital Day. And, in case none from Alleghany County can go to join in their program, they are putting it on a nation-wide radio hook-up over a national network at 12:30 to 1:00 o'clock E. S. T. Sunday, so we may listen and enjoy and become acquainted. They have as guest speaker on the occasion, the President of Leland Stanford University, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, one of America's leading educators. So much for California.

Now back to Sparta, and the sudden summer weather that is such a relief from the long long cold winter we have had. What became of Spring, anyway? Did it slip by when we weren't looking? Anyway, summer is pretty nice. And now here bobs up Dr. Bert again (say, one day we're going to leave him out of this column a whole week) yes, he remarks that that precious baby of Clayton Fender's is red-headed, and both mother and daughter are doing very nicely, and her name is Clayta Ann—which is delightfully individual.

Paul Richardson, who has taken over the Shell Service Station opposite the Methodist Church, has done a nice thing in placing concrete in the space between the road and the filling station. But he certainly did a bad thing for himself when he got into a bicycle smash-up all on his own. His face shows how serious his tumble must have been.

And Oder Joines was in an automobile crash in front of Paul Richardson's place when somebody drove out into the road right in front of him. Fortunately only automobiles were damaged, and not arms and legs and heads. Fact is, most accidents do not happen: somebody causes them.

Uncle Sewell Choate, father of Dr. Bert and Dr. Left, says we had 37 snows this last winter—and probably he is correct.

During recent Court Week the Grand Jury recommended that the Court House be replastered and repainted; that the jail be put in better and more sanitary condition; that up-to-date drinking fountains and rest rooms be provided in the Court House; that an up-to-date drinking fountain be installed in the High School, and that additional school bus accommodation be provided so that each pupil can have a seat in the bus. Here's hoping all these recommendations become accomplished facts.

Grant Lowe
—National Representative for the Townsend Old-age Pension Plan, will speak in Jefferson Court-house May 9th at 7:30 p. m., and in Sparta Courthouse May 10th at 7:30 p. m. A program of talking pictures will be shown at both meetings. The public is invited and admission is free.

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MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 12



Americans everywhere will honor their mothers on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, but few will do it with greater sincerity than Lanny Ross, CBS singing star. Lanny owes much of his success to his mother, Mrs. Winifred Ross, with whom he is shown. An accomplished musician, Mrs. Ross has taught many singers, and started Lanny on his musical education along with his ABC's. Since then she has watched with motherly pride his rise to stardom.

Happy He

With such a mother! Faith in womankind
Beats with his blood, and trust in all things high
Comes easy to him; and tho' he trip and fall
He shall not blind his soul with clay.
—Alfred, Lord Tennyson
The Princess.



Mrs. James Gwyn Gambill, who was, before her marriage in Tazewell, Va., on January 19, Miss Edna Poole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Poole, of Independence, and music teacher in Sparta High School for the 1939-40 term. The nuptial ceremony was performed by Dr. J. A. Baylor, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Tazewell. Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.

Annual meeting of WMU will convene at Scottville next

—Tuesday, May 14, in the Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m., when two guest speakers will be present to address

the group. They are Miss Mary Curran, State Young People's Secretary of Raleigh, and Mrs. Earl C. James, of Elkin, Divisional Superintendent of the newly-created Wilkesboro region which was originally part of Asheville and Charlotte divisions.

- Program will be as follows:
- Song, "What A Friend We Have In 'Mother.'" congregation.
 - Devotional, Rev. A. F. Absher.
 - Welcome, Mrs. V. Waddell.
 - Response, Miss Donna Jones.
 - History of Hymn of the year, Mrs. Wade Goodman.
 - Hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," congregation.
 - Report of Committee Chairmen.
 - 1. Mission Study, Mrs. W. R. Taylor.
 - 2. Stewardship, Mrs. Van Miller.
 - 3. Personal Service, Mrs. W. P. Maxwell.
 - 4. Margaret Fund, Mrs. R. C. Halsey.
 - 5. Training School, Mrs. C. A. Reeves.
 - 6. Cooperative Program and Hundred Th. Club, Mrs. J. T. Fender.
 - In memoriam — duet, Mrs. Wagoner and Mrs. Johnson, with Mrs. Burgess, accompanist.
 - Roll call of societies.
 - Report of Superintendent.
 - Report of Secretary.
 - Announcement of Committees.
 - Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. B. E. Reeves.
 - Address, "Be Ye Steadfast," Mrs. Earl James.
 - Benediction.

LUNCH
1:30 p. m.
Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," congregation.
Devotional, Mrs. George Crutchfield.
Report of Young People's Leader, Mrs. B. Wagoner.
Playlet, "Stewardship," Scottville Young People.
Playlet, Laurel Springs' R. A. G. A. and Sun Beams.
Introduction of speakers, Mrs. Walt Whittington.
Address, "Our Youth Steadfast."

Baseball in Sparta promises to be very interesting

—this summer, since Sparta is the only North Carolina team in the New River League, and Sparta's team this year is expected to be a rugged bunch. The first game scheduled is Hillsville vs. Sparta, at Sparta, next Saturday, but the chances are it will be played Sunday. The Wednesday games can be played on Wednesday, but the Saturday games will be much more convenient for everybody on Sunday.

F. Norman Roup passed away last Sunday

—and funeral services were conducted in the Sparta Primitive Baptist church at 11 o'clock, May 7, by Elders Ed Davis, Charles Kilby, and Shade Caudill.

Freland Norman Roup was born in Alleghany County in 1854, and died May 5, 1940, at his home in Sparta. Mr. Roup was a farmer of this county up until 15 years before his death. For 16 years he was Register of Deeds and for 45 years was a Justice of the Peace. These two offices brought him in contact with many people and he was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. His passing is a very definite loss to the community.

Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, N. C., May 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shores have moved to their new residence, recently completed near here.

Hon. R. A. Doughton called on friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and Miss Janette Carter, Warrensville, visited Mr. Jones' sister, Mrs. B. F. Wagoner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Herring and Mrs. Jerry McCloskey have returned to their home in Watsonville, Cal., after spending several weeks visiting Mr. Wagoner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wagoner, and other relatives and friends here.

Orrin Keplinger, who has been spending some time with Howard Wagoner, has returned to his home in Erwin, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hapner spent Sunday with relatives at Scottville.

Several from here attended the birthday dinner given in honor of L. A. Jones' 69th anniversary at his home near Scottville.

Ernest Honaker left Monday for Franklinville where he is considering a position in the chemical department of a Textile company there.

Mrs. Susie Andrews has just received word that her daughter, Mattie, was recently married in Springfield, Ohio, to Harry B. Kirby, a native of Ohio, who has a position with a steel manufacturing company there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Edwards spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Warden, Stratford.

Many from here attended the second ball game Sunday at Piney Creek between Twin Oaks and Piney Creek, the score 6 to 1, in favor of Twin Oaks. Some very complimentary remarks were made about some nice catches made by fielder Sanders of Twin Oaks ball club.

Miss Pauline Sexton, and Miss Madeline Sheppard, students of A. S. T. C., Boone, are at home for a few weeks vacation.

Morning service at Walnut Branch

—Church this coming Sunday, May 12, at 11 o'clock, providence permitting, with Rev. Lee A. Hampton the speaker.

Elder Coy Walker

—will preach at Cranberry Church on the third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Drive with sense and save expense.
Brakes and brains save many pains.
Make more use of care and less use of dare.

fast For Christ," Miss Mary Curran.

Report of Committees.
Benediction.
Mrs. A. O. Joines is Association Superintendent and Mrs. R. L. Hickerson is Secretary.

Qualified voters are warned to make sure

—their names are registered on the new books which have been made up from the lists of those who voted in the primary elections of 1936 and 1938.

The Chairman of the State Board of Elections in Raleigh, Mr. W. A. Lucas, writes the Star-Times as follows:

"You would, I think, be rendering your County a service by suggesting that each voter personally see that his name has been transcribed—that he is registered, and that he is listed on the appropriate registration books. The right to vote in a primary hereafter will be determined by registration on the primary book.

"The names of those electors in your county who voted in the primary or election of 1936 or 1938 have recently been transcribed on new registration books by the Chairman of the County Board of Elections of your County.

"Separate registration books for party primaries were made up at the same time.

"The names of qualified voters, although registered, but who did not vote in the primary or election of 1936 or 1938, have been omitted from the registration books, and it is necessary that such persons re-register in order to be entitled to vote.

"Notwithstanding the careful and painstaking efforts on the part of the Chairman of the Election Board, it is very probable that some errors have occurred."

"So, therefore, if you wish to vote, go to your precinct this Saturday, May 11, and make sure your name has been properly transferred to the new list.

Cranberry Township Voters particularly

—are warned to go and register, because the old books were lost, and so everybody must register anew if they wish to vote. Bailey Wagoner is the registrar, and Saturday is the last day.

Whitehead

Whitehead, May 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards and daughters, Ella and Edna, visited H. M. Joines Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alph Joines and children, of Galax, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Joines.

Mrs. Arza Crouse and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Joines and son, Earl Lee, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Joines.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crouse and daughters, Mabel and Retha, of Welch, W. Va., spent the week-end with Mrs. Crouse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cleary.

Mr. and Mrs. Rege Caudill, Galax, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. Caudill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Joines.

Mrs. Marie Hickerson and daughters, Sunny Ann and Eugene, visited Mrs. Hickerson's father, James Mack D. Wagoner, Sunday.

Miss Louise Miles spent last Wednesday night with Mrs. Harmon Joines.

James Mack D. Wagoner, who has been sick for the past week, is much improved.

Mrs. Gloria Brown and son spent Saturday night with Mrs. Carl Brown.

Miss Alice Cleary is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Crouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Brown and sons, Dwight and Keith, visited Arza Crouse Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Joines spent Saturday night with their daughter, Mrs. Wiley Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Joines and son, Galax, Va., visited Mr. Joines' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Joines Sunday.

NOTICE!

Alleghany County Tax Payers

By order of the County Commissioners, I will proceed immediately to levy on personal property and advertise real estate of all delinquent tax payers.

Please Settle At Once And Save The Cost

DeWitt T. Bryan,
Sheriff, Alleghany County