



Washington, D. C. — The fact that the German invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg was long foreseen does not detract from the enormity of the crime. Neither the Allies nor these small countries had given the Nazis the slightest excuse for brutal aggression.

This cold-blooded and desperate action has stirred the feelings of members of Congress to their very depths. By attacking these last defenses of democracy in Europe, Hitler has thrown a challenge in the face of the whole world. The United States must and will look to its own defenses, although Congress will probably go home without making a gesture of help to the hard-pressed Allies. This isolationist attitude will not change until after the presidential election. Then, the entire European situation is expected to be re-explored in the light of conditions as they stand at that time.

The demonstrated effectiveness of air power must force a recasting of our defense policy. This country's ability to defend far-flung possessions and supply routes will be questioned since the lesson of the Norwegian experience proves that warships cannot operate in waters where enemy aircraft are able to swarm to the attack from nearby fields. The view of naval experts is that the battleship, while far from being obsolete, must nevertheless be redesigned to withstand the blows of air power.

Nothing more encouraging has happened in the Senate in several months than the move to discontinue government purchases of foreign silver. That practice consisted of buying vast quantities of the metal, at inflated prices, for which we had no earthly use. It was defended by the "silver group" in Congress on the ground that it created purchasing power for our goods abroad. In a way it did, but the price was paid by ourselves. We gave foreigners our steel, cotton, locomotives and other raw and manufactured materials and took in exchange a lot of overvalued silver, which we stocked underground. The whole policy was foolish, and unprofitable, from the start!

THEY SAY: "If parents want to give their children topical and newsy war names, let them choose such spirited names as James Spitfire or Robert Hurricane."—Evening Standard, London.

"Women are not impressed by pleas for economy and meatless days made over the groaning board of City banquets."—Major A. Rayner, Member of Parliament.

"At night all England is blacked out. If anybody wants to smoke a cigarette he must do it inside a wardrobe."—Straits Times, Singapore.

"The people of the United States should come out from under the bed and look around."—Dorothy Thompson.

Snap Shots and Sun Spots

But one thing surely is being done; cars are being smashed up at quite a good rate. And again it can be said that most accidents are caused—they do not happen. The fact that an auto can go at 90 miles an hour does not justify the speed except under ideal conditions. One thing might be asked: When a young man has smashed up three or four cars by his reckless driving, is he still entitled to retain a "permit" to go on and smash more cars?

And here are two suggestions for somebody—both good ones. On the highway between Castevens Motor Co. and Paul Richardson's Service Station a sign could be erected warning motorists of a sharp curve. And the other suggestion is that some arrangement be made to straighten the road in front of Sam Brown's or at least grade down the bank to increase the view around the curve.

The Grand Jury inspected the Court House and immediately recommended an up-to-date drinking fountain and also sanitary and modern rest rooms. Further, they recommended that the Court House be replastered and repainted, and that the jail be put in better and more sanitary condition. They recommended a modern drinking fountain for the High School, and more busses so that every pupil can have a seat on the school bus.

Our world...

Britain's New Prime Minister

London, May 13.—Winston Churchill, belligerent First Lord of the Admiralty, and long time target of Adolf Hitler's wrath, has become Britain's man of destiny, succeeding Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister. As war surges over Western Europe he has completed the organization of his "win the war" government.

Prelude To Greatest Battle Ever

Berlin, May 12.—German troops have taken over the grand duchy of Luxembourg, swarmed over Holland to the east shore of the IJsselmeer (Zuider Zee) and thundered their challenge to the Allies only a few miles from Atrecht, the high command announced today. At the same time, the German press advised its readers that the offensive in the west so far is only a prelude to "the greatest battle of war history."

Creating Chaos In Holland

Paris, May 12.—Adolf Hitler's gray clad German troops laid lethal siege to Allied defenses in three countries today, breaking through the first Belgian defense line, hammering at France's Maginot Line along a 40-mile front, and creating apparent chaos in Holland's interior with swarms of parachute soldiers.

Netherlands Queen Flees To London

London, May 13.—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland came to England aboard a British warship today. Only a short while before, Princess Juliana and her nine-month old daughter, Princess Irene, found a haven from Nazi fury in London. King George VI, Juliana, and her husband, the Prince Consort Bernhard of Nederland, met the aged Queen at the Liverpool Street station.

Belgium Holding Tight

Brussels, May 12.—Belgian troops are "standing their ground" in the Liege defense triangle after arrival of strong British and French forces and have shattered the Germans' attempt to strike into the interior from the Albert Canal, the high command reported tonight. The high command communique said that about 120 German planes, bombing and machine-gunning the Belgian frontier defenses, had been shot down. Premier Hubert Pierlot said that 100 of the enemy planes fell in a "huge" air battle.

Heaviest Fighting In World's History

Paris, May 13.—With 2,000 tanks engaged, the heaviest battle in the world's history began today somewhere in Belgium. Heavy fighting is in progress from the Moselle River to the Netherlands. French and Belgian troops have withdrawn from advance posts, and major encounters are under way. The Allied withdrawal, however, cannot be considered a retreat. The Allies plan to erect a "wall" on which the "great battle will be fought."

Holland Joins Poland, Finland, Norway

London, May 15.—Latest word is that Holland's Commander-in-Chief has capitulated to Germany's invasion, and that the government of Holland has set up temporary headquarters in London.

Ennice

Ennice, May 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Higgins were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards Sunday, May 5.

Mrs. Pinkie Galyen, Low Gap, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Andrews and returned home Saturday afternoon.

Miss Faye Edwards spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hester Edwards, near Vox.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Richardson, of Maryland, attended the funeral of Mrs. Richardson's grandmother and returned home Wednesday, May 8.

Miss Ruth Rector, Clellan Cox, and Eugene Lundy were graduates of Low Gap High School this term.

Eugene Andrews spent a few days at home and returned to the CCC camp Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Spurlin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

Ray Edwards and Misses Erma, Gaye and Madge Edwards were visitors of Miss Faye Edwards last week.

Miss Ina Jean Spurlin spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Galyen and Miss Imogene Norman, of Low Gap.

Eugene Spurlin left for Maryland Wednesday where he has a position.

Miss Virginia Ruth Smith spent the week-end with Miss Emma Lou Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige Wilson and daughter, Wanda Jean, spent Monday with Wiley Andrews and daughter, Estelene.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards and son Lloyd, took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Todd near Saddle Mountain.

Lucille Ford Circle

—of the Baptist W. M. U. met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Hugh Choate with Mrs. T. Roy Burgess in charge of the program. The topic of the month, "Youth Steadfast for Christ," was discussed by the following members: Mrs. Clennel Richardson, Mrs. C. A. Miles, Mrs. R. L. Hickerson, Mrs. R. A. Barlow, Mrs. Walter Taylor and Mrs. J. G. Mitchell.

WPA workers are assured voting is own business

—and Col. F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Works Projects, has made public instructions which have

been sent out to every one employed on WPA projects assuring them that their political views are no concern of their superiors and that they are free to vote or not vote as they please, without fear of interference.

The text of Colonel Harrington's letter is as follows:

"In order that there can be no misunderstanding of Work Projects Administration rules about voting rights of employees, regulations of this administration on this matter are stated as follows:

"1. You are entitled to vote or not vote, as you choose.

"2. No one either connected with or not connected with the Work Projects Administration can get you fired or change your wages because you do or do not vote or because you belong to or do not belong to a political party. It is against the law for any one to ask you for money for any political campaign.

"3. If you are employed in an administrative or supervisory capacity you may vote as you please, and express privately your opinions on political subjects. It is against the law for persons who are employed in an administrative or supervisory capacity to engage in political activity or to take an active part or use their influence directly or indirectly in political management or political campaigns or in political conventions.

"4. Every effort will be made to arrange the working schedules so that it will not be necessary for you to lose time taken necessary for voting purposes.

"5. Voting is your own business. Keep it that way. As Commissioner of Work Projects, I will not tolerate any violation of the above regulations.

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BROUGHTON FAMILY



J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, candidate for governor, could set up a special family headquarters, staffed by his attractive daughter and three versatile sons. Although none of them are old enough to vote for their dad for governor, each has talents that would be valuable in running a campaign headquarters. They are, left to right:

Woodson Broughton, 12-year-old co-editor of the mimeographed neighborhood newspaper, would be an asset in the publicity department.

Alice Broughton, pretty 20-year-old daughter who attended Peace and Salem Colleges, is adept at clerical, stenographic and research work.

Melville Broughton, Jr., 18-year-old president of the graduating class at Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh, is an able stump speaker, as attested when he and his colleague on the negative debating team won the State-wide debating championship this year. Mel Jr. is also a member of the school basketball team.

Bobby Broughton, 15-year-old high school student with a consistent honor roll rating of long standing, would be a big help in the "brain trust" of his father's headquarters.



L. Lee Gravely, Rocky Mount candidate for governor, will carry his campaign into the state's mountain counties next week.

Mr. Gravely's recent statement in support of a third term for Roosevelt and the New Deal agricultural program has been the cause of much comment throughout the state during the past week.

Four times a member of the state senate, Mr. Gravely led the successful fight for establishment of Western North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium and championed bills to provide rental textbooks for school children and increased pay for teachers. He also is credited with having introduced all measures in the general assembly which permit citizens of the state to participate in federal security programs.

Mr. Gravely's fruitful efforts on behalf of tobacco farmers during the past marketing season and his continuing interest in the acute leaf situation brought about by the European war has, according to political observers, attracted strong eastern support to his candidacy, and is expected to create an impressive following amongst Burley growers of the west.

Mr. Gravely, who in the 1937 legislature introduced the measure which provides for advertising North Carolina's resources and advantages in this section relative to properly "telling the world" about the vacation wonderland which has been opened up by the Scenic Highway connecting the Shenandoah and Smoky Mountains parks.

The Work Projects Administration is not in politics and does not take part in politics, either directly or indirectly.

Dan Tompkins, of Jackson County, and candidate

—for nomination for Lieutenant Governor is one candidate who knows rural North Carolina and who understands the problems and aspirations of its people. He comes from the mountains west of Asheville, and seeks popular support with his frank statement, "If I did not believe that I could serve the State well in the office of Lieutenant Governor I would not ask for it. My opponents have the money with which to wage a campaign. I have not; but I am coming out of the mountains with a tremendous vote, and it will be hard to keep me from being in the lead."

Dan Tompkins is a veteran of the World War, for 27 years publisher of a weekly newspaper; several times representative in the General Assembly, and Reading Clerk of the House for one regular session and two special sessions; Tompkins is well qualified for the position. He is known as a liberal Democrat, who has always supported legislation for the promotion of the public schools, for the farmers, for the public health, for social security; and at the same time has stood for economical and sound government. At the last session of the General Assembly he allied himself with, and was the leader of the group that made the fight for the schools. He introduced and sponsored farm legislation, and was the father of veteran's preference legislation for the State and its departments.

The mountain counties are strong for him, and insist that this is the time when the counties of the far west should be given recognition in the State government. The Democratic convention of his county, Jackson, unanimously endorsed him for Lieutenant-Governor, and called upon the Democrats of the State to support the mountain candidate.

The Union Meeting

—of the Epworth League was held at Piney Creek Methodist Church Friday night. Mrs. Guy Perry acted as leader and the program consisted of a Scripture reading by Mrs. Perry, prayer, and a poem, "Mother I Thank You," by Lacy Lee Weaver.

Three auto crashes within two weeks is a record

—for Sparta, and should serve as warning to some body that autos are still deadly weapons, and should

be handled with considerable care. Also, Paul Richardson's Service Station, being the scene of two of the crashes, is witness to the fact that that curve near it is not as innocent as might be supposed.

Oder Joines and a traveler from Ohio crashed in front of Paul Richardson's about a week ago, with only damaged cars.

Saturday night about midnight four young men came around the curve much too fast and crashed into a heavy telephone post, breaking it in two about midway to the top. One of the young men, Tom Greene, was very seriously injured, and his recovery is in great doubt. Wesley Gilliam and a Roberts boy were other occupants of the car which was driven by John Walker Inskip. All were less seriously hurt than Tom Greene.

Sunday night Paul Higgins and Dale Duncan met on a curve in the road near Bain Doughton's in Bledsoe Valley and their cars were both smashed badly, but neither boy suffered serious bodily injury.



Mrs. Wilkins P. Horton, wife of the Lieutenant Governor, who is candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mrs. Horton, who was Miss Cassandra Mendenhall, of Guilford County, is said to possess an inherent friendliness, a genuinely democratic attitude toward people and institutions, a graciousness of manner, and a gentleness of spirit, combined with an abiding loyalty to her friends and her husband's friends, which make her one of the most charming women North Carolina has ever known.

Friends have frequently voiced their conviction that in the event of her husband's nomination and election as Governor, Mrs. Horton will prove an ideal First Lady of North Carolina, in the Executive Mansion in Raleigh, and in her contacts with the people throughout the State.

Sparta Fire Dept. is an accomplished fact, with

—equipment consisting of an electric siren mounted above the roof of the telephone office, a thousand

feet of hose on a two-wheeled auto trailer, housed at the rear of the Sparta Garage, and with a group of volunteers organized under the leadership of Cleve Nichols as Chief and Claude Moxley as Assistant. At the first fire drill, Tuesday, the Court House front got a good bath, and the fact was established that a full stream of water can be thrown onto the top of the Court House with no special effort.

The siren is actuated from the telephone office, so fires should be reported at once to the operator.

The Young Women's

—Circle of the Missionary Society will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the Methodist Church, with Miss Mildred Wagoner in charge of the program.

Harris, a leading candidate for the Lt. Governorship

—has behind him a record of private and public service to his state that offers an impressive catalogue of

tasks well done, reflecting credit to himself and to those with whom he has worked. For five successive terms, 1927 to 1935, R. L. Harris, of Roxboro, represented the people of his native Person County in the House, and in 1933 he was honored by being chosen Speaker of the House without opposition. Today he seeks the Democratic nomination as Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina.

As Speaker he was regarded as a fair and capable presiding officer. Mr. Harris, who is not a lawyer, but a successful business man and cotton manufacturer, presided over an assembly which was composed largely of lawyers. He won their respect and admiration, just as he has won and held the respect and admiration of all people with whom he has come in contact during an active life.

By gubernatorial appointment he is a member of the State Textbook Commission and the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Tubercular Sanatorium. In the work of both groups he is actively interested. During his service in the House, in addition to being Speaker, he was Chairman of the Appropriations Committee in 1931 and Chairman of the Education Committee in 1935. He has served as a member of the Advisory Budget Commission and is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina.

He lives on the same lot on which he was born, and for the past 25 years has been Treasurer of the Roxboro Cotton Mills. He is a director of The Peoples Bank and of the Roxboro Building and Loan Association. In all these fields of private endeavor he has achieved an enviable reputation for business knowledge and leadership.

Mr. Harris was married to Miss Katharine Long in 1913. They have three sons and three daughters who are an honor to the name they bear. This family finds much pleasure in simple living and friendly neighborliness.

In public and private life Mr. Harris has sought always to be true to himself and to his fellow men, and in so doing he has become a representative of the finest type which democracy can produce. His advertisement appears on another page of this paper.

Little Pine

Little Pine, May 13. — Mrs. Caroline Carico was found dead Saturday morning in her bed. She had been sick for some time and the funeral was held at Edmonds Sunday.

Mrs. Ennis Greene was taken to North Wilkesboro Hospital Wednesday for treatment.

Those visiting Mrs. Gard Greene Tuesday were Mrs. Lester Greene, Mrs. Homer Wilson, Mrs. Grey Collins, Mrs. Ollie Crouse, Mrs. Letcher Crouse, Mrs. Odell Daney, C. C. Tompkins and Zelma, Thelma and Dale Greene.

A large crowd attended Sunday school at Little Pine Sunday. Mrs. Walter Richardson is the teacher.

Mrs. Reva Wilson and Mrs. Bessie Murphy were shopping in Galax Saturday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Andrews Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. George Wagoner and children and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Murphy.

Those spending Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Greene were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greene and children, Dale and Attree, and Steve Poole and daughter, Pauline.

Rev. George Tucker, who has been seriously ill for sometime, is slowly improving.

Miss Thelma Greene and Mrs. Guy Collins spent Wednesday afternoon with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCann and son Bert, spent Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Elsie Blevins.

Mrs. Vadie Tompkins celebrated her birthday on May 12.

A modern hotel of 2,000 rooms is to be erected at the former Chinese civic center in Shanghai, China.