Washington, D. C .- Dictators must wage wars to divert their subjects, attention from the misery and slavery they endure. Holland, Norway and the other countries now in the hands of the Nazis never wanted war. And not seeking war, they did not prepare for it-until it was too

Let us hope that the United States will wake up before we, too, mourn our failure to provide adequate defenses in time. If the dictators win this war, the day won't be far off when Germany Italy, Russia and Japan, united, will turn their eyes toward the only prize left worth going after, the rich booty that will help them recuperate their tremendous losses—America!

An attack by infiltration tactics is wholly possible. Voting additional billions for defense is not in itself sufficient if we fail to weed out the advance agents of the dictators. Even now myriads of Fascists, Nazis and Communists are spreading propaganda among us in preparation for their "M" day. Even now, the fifth columns are permitted to operate openly in our midst.

What is needed as much as re-armament, perhaps, is a new "minute men" organization; but these men will have to be "second men" also to meet the speed of the Blitzkrieg spy system and strike it down before it stings and inserts its poison here.

Vice-President Garner has been telling his colleagues that Mr. Roosevelt has absolute control of the Democratic National Convention, and that events abroad were making his nomination certain. Asked if he would consent to be the President's running mate, the Texan is quoted as having said that the third-term tradition to his way of thinking, applies to the Vice-Presidency also. Coming from the man regarded, until recently, as the leader of the "stop-Roosevelt" movement, this may mean that the opposition to a third term has melted away and that the Democrats may present a solid front in November. Republican leaders in the Federal District also seem convinced that the President will be the Democratic nominee-and off the record just a bit worried.

There seemed some concern in Washington this week over Japan's attitude toward the Dutch East Indies. Reports from the Far East hinted that Japan might be preparing to "protect" her ply. The reports, however, were vision. far from conclusive or indicative of any impending drastic moves. And since both the United States

of Hanes, and Miss Annie Beachbut on the possible without the help of modern airplanes. The plane is able but lack the initiative to do it.

In conquest could not have been the accomplish much. Some have but in the road, but on the sidewalk they better bett to penetrate into areas forbidden Others are all energy and en-While the present value of this one can guess what the future Sparta's Main Street. There are deference from the public. We points in the track meet to win may hold in store for this new part of America.

# Snap Shots Sun Spots

earthly career was closing, "So town Sunday. It has many admuch to do, so little done." He it was who welded the southern has very many ragged-looking.

The French high command's Fifty yard dash: As Cecil Rhodes said when his half of the African continent buildings; an awful amount of night communique admitted the 1. Boone. into the British Empire. He it rubbish blowing about the streets; Germans drove their advance 2. Lonnie Lee Edwards, Sparta. was for whom Rhodesia was named. He it was who said some trash cans that look pretty guard to Amiens and Arras on 3. Crossnore.

trashy themselves; and some busithe edge of the coastal plain one hundre men collect butterflies as a hobby, ness houses that appear dismal leading to the English channel. but his was building empires, and forbidding. But never mind

world today is that so many peo-ple know of nothing to do. They be started in Sparta, with every bardments and machine-gunning as a livestock judge and the winsit, waiting for someone to set hope of success. But what places them at work. As the Good are available? If someone looks Book says, "where there is no for a store to rent, where does vision the people perish." With- he find it? And who has the out a vision of possibilities ahead "vision" to begin building a

Our world ...

Roosevelt Cites Nazi Terrorism

Washington, May 21.-President Roosevelt declared today that enemy planes were sweeping down the roads of France with machine guns wide open, taking a death toll of refugees-women, children, old people—the like of which never had been known

German War Machine Irresistible

Berlin, May 22.—Germany's war machine in its sweep forward to the Channel coast at Abbeville, only 65 miles from Hastings on the English coast, is described in a German high command communique as "the greatest attack operation of all time." A military spokesman says, "no effective Allied army separates the Germans from Paris, only 80 miles away."

Invasion Of England Threatened

London, May 21.—The British people are working frantically to defend themselves against what threatens to be the first invasion of England in 874 years—a German blitzkrieg through the air across the scant 65 miles of water separating the English east coast from France.

British authorities practically admit that advance German units have reached Abbeville on the French coast, 65 miles from Hastings where the Norman conquest of England was clinched in 1066.

Germans Pour Into Mexico

Mexico City, May 21.—Large groups of Germans continue to enter Mexico, it is reported, while the Department of Interior announces that foreigners are being watched closely. One report says, "More Germans are entering each week now than in a month in normal times."

Magda Lupescu Coming To U.S.A.

Paris, May 21.-King Carol's titian-haired inamorata, Magda, spurned an offer of Hitler's agents to be a second Esther, a possible savior of her people and arrived in France today on her way to the United States. It is said that Carol and Magda have finally remarkably active today. ended their long-standing love affair, which has been marked by more plotting and intrigue than could ever be imagined by fictionists.

Magda, noted for her shrewdness, last week was asked to exercise her influence to induce Carol to put his realm under "German protection," but listened and remained aloof,

Earthquake In California

El Centro, Calif., May 18.—Scores of persons were injured and some killed tonight as a heavy earthquake jolted the Imperial valley. Heavy damage to More than \$100,000 damages was caused by demolition first regular meeting of Camp group, with Mrs. Warren as spon-ler; Margaret fund Mrs. R. C. Sparta at Ivanhoe, July 27. of buildings in the border cities of Mexicali and Fire Girls was held in the Metho-sor. Mrs. Ima Vaughan will be Halsey; comment, Miss Frances Rural Retreat at Sparta Aug. 3. Calexico, said reports to police here.

On The Carolina Front

lead the field of candidates for the Governorship in zation. the May 25th primary, according to the view of veteran newspapermen in Raleigh. Such is the opinion of such shrewd political observers as Tom Bost of the Greens-boro News, Henry Averill, special correspondent of Sparta boys bring afternoon North Carolina newspapers, and Stanley Wohl, State political reporter in Raleigh for the Charlotte Observer.

As Capus M. Waynick said to us years ago when we worked

a good dozen things to be done saw a merchant sweeping the the Federation Field Day Banner. right in Sparta to make it a happier community. But no one person can do all. Some will need, and acted. not "see" anything to be done.
Some will "see," and lack the energy to do. Others will ask their backs to the what we mean and if we tell their backs to the them they will sneer—because English channel they don't "see."

He it was who established the Rhodes scholarships. "So much to do; so little done."

The war ministry spokesman 2. Boone. 3. Crossnore. held Abbeville itself, but that "I ter appearance?

But one trouble in our little Sparta needs business ex along roads to the west of Arras 3. Piney Creek. one is content to sit and sleep, to place? Some considered Mr. Dun-

Netherlands possessions' importance to her as a source of sun. position there, in view of the does have the virtue of enabling building stand empty months, or ance to her as a source of sup- at work thousands who have no moving in and establishing businesses? Are those businesses -from the annual field day prospering?

And now to some smaller de- Agricultural department of and Nippon have declared for him on the Greensboro tails of Sparta life. Whether due Alleghany Avery and Watauga the maintenance of the status quo, it is hoped the matter will rest there.

for him on the Greensboro tails of Sparta life. Whether the Alleghany Avery and Watauga to what we said about it, but counties. The annual field day double parking has definitely lessened in front of the Post Office accomplish anything in this sened in front of the Post Office and that makes for a box following schools, represented: accomplish anything in this sened in front of the Post Office—and that makes for a happier town. What, now, can be putting the same truth into other pier town. What, now, can be Crossnore, Cove Creek, Newland brutal aggression that maps are words. He went on from there changed. Admiral Byrd, just to be North Carolina's Highway back from the Antarctic, has added 900 miles of rugged coast to man imagines how some job can man imagines how some job can the territorial United Street and Street a the territorial United Straes. Ad- be done, or done better, and convenience may not appeal to following boys: John Pugh, Lonmiral Byrd claims that this peace- then has the initiative to act, will the drivers. Pedestrians may nie Lee and Charlie Gale Edful conquest could not have been he accomplish much. Some have some rights out in the road, Coodman Clas Beauty Olivers. Harold H. Higgins, Sparta,

> Sparta's trash cans occupy an All of which leads us to leads to beget a suitable soft ball, but they won enough Sparta High School.

-fought Tuesday night against a 3. Boone. new German advance which We traveled to a neighboring spread a path of fire across

can give no official confirmation." 1. John Pugh Sparta, German motorcycle units thrust 2. Boone. Other roads radiating from the ning of the Field Day Banner French towns, filled with refu- this closes a very successful year FRANCE, ADDRESSED THE

Frank Doughton returned to

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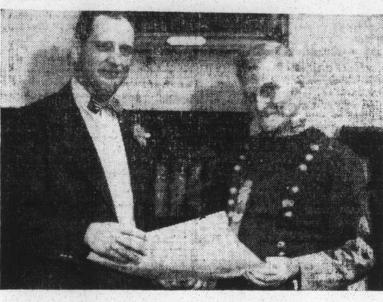
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# EURE GETS COLONEL'S COMMISSION



Raleigh, May 14-Shown above is Colonel Thad Eure, North Carolina's Secretary of State, receiving his commission from General Julius F. Howell, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans. On last Saturday, May 11, the 94-year-old General, accompanied by Mrs. Howell, visited Raleigh for the purpose of presenting commissions to Rupert A. March and Secretary of State Thad Eure, being kinsmen of his whom he had appointed as Colonies on his staff. The presentations were made in the Secretary of State's office, and after spending one night in Raleigh the General and Mrs. Howell returned to their home in Bristol, Virginia, by bus.

For three years General Howell was an active Confederate soldier under General Robert E. Lee in the War Between the States. He is



After a number of preliminary second meeting was held, meetings at Mrs. Hardin's, and which the girls were divided into dation," Miss Elvira Wagoner; Sparta at Jackson Ferry, July 6. buildings was reported in Imperial and Brawley and some correspondence with national two groups. Mrs. Hardin will be mission study, Mrs. W. R. Tay- Hillsville at Sparta, July 13. the sides of several buildings in El Centro fell away. headquarters in New York, the leader or Guardian of the older lor; stewardship, Mrs. Van Mil- Sparta at Independence, July 20. dist Church Thursday, May 9. leader of the younger group, King Turner; in memoriam of Austinville at Sparta, Aug. 10. Mr. Mead outlined the purposes known as Blue Birds, with Mrs. Mrs. Myrtle Reeves, Mrs. G. P. Fries Maroons at Sparta, Aug. 17. and aims of Camp Fire Girls Mexa Phipps assistant, and Mrs. Crutchfield. organization, and a beginning was R. L. Berry as sponsor. About Roll call of churches showed Sparta at Galax, Aug. 31. Raleigh, May 22 .- Broughton, of Raleigh, will made on definite local organi- six girls comprise each group at representatives from each mis- Sparta at Jackson Ferry Sept. 7.

home the banner

of the Parkway Federation

which is made up of the

Results of the track meet were

Standing broad jump: 1. Foster Absher, Sparta.

Running broad jump:

One hundred yard dash:

Two hundred yard dash:

1. Foster Absher, Sparta.

1. Lonnie Lee Edwards, Sparta

2. Piney Creek.

2. Cove Creek.

High jump:

. Boone.

3. Crossnore.

present, and Lucille Mitchell is sionary society and a number of On Thursday, May 16, the secretary of the Camp Fire Girls. visitors.

### New Hope

aunt, Mrs. W. E. Carvard, of North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Bessie Critcher had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Crutchfield. Mrs. T. L. Grayson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fender.

working on the cemetery and improving it. Mrs. R. B. Petty was carried

to the hospital at Hickory N. C., for treatment Saturday. Mildred and Edna Jones.

Mrs. Bessie Critcher spent Sat- day. urday night with Mrs. G. B. Petty.

made a business trip to Galax Monday.

PREMIER REYNAUD, OF

-Senate of France Tuesday in Mae Halsey Sunday. guished appeal to the French and end with homefolks here.

# Dan Tompkins, the Mountain candidate for

-Lieutenant-Governor, will -and Sparta's team can be speak to the people of his depended upon to go far mountain country over Radio toward bringing home the Station WWNC, Asheville, pennant of the New River Thursady night, May 23, from League.

9:15 to 9:45 o'clock. it had been impossible for him to of regular scheduled games which visit all the sections of the state, are to be played. Wednesday even the mountain country be- games will be as listed, but probtime and lack of finances. His will be played on Sunday, as friends, therefore, have put up that suits the convenience of the money to make it possible for more people who wish to attend him to carry his message to all and also suits some of the teams Western North Carolina, by ra- better, especially Independence, dio, two days prior to the pri- Hillsville and Rural Retreat, as

# The Women's Missionary Union of the Alleghany

Church. Mrs. A. O. Joines, Ivanhoe at Sparta, Aug. 28. sided. The following program Sparta at Hillsville, Sept. 11. occupied the morning session: song, "What A Friend We Have Sparta at Ivanhoe May 25. F. Absher; welcome, Mrs. Pince Austinville at Sparta, June 8. Waddell; response Miss Chleo Fries Maroons at Sparta, June 15.

Jones: History of the Hymn of Sparta at Fries Weavers, June 22. the Year, "How Firm A Foun- Sparta at Galax June 29.

Miss Mary Currin, State Young People's secretary, gave an adable, Always Abounding In The relatives here. Work Of The Lord."

ladies of the Scottville Baptist Harvey Irwin and son, Howard, Church served a delicious lunch visited friends here Sunday. on the church ground.

session was the interesting talk or three weeks is able to be out by Mrs. E. C. James, District again. Superintendent of W. M. U., Oscar Gambill was painfully which was so well motivated by and seriously injured Monday afwas "Young People's Work."

James. Miss Turner will come pital, Statesville. to Alleghany County the second Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Billings, committee was:

10, Miss Thelma Dow Cox, daugh- Treasurer, Mrs. Guy Taylor; Mis- attend a birthday dinner in honor Sparta lost their horseshoe ter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dow sion Study, Mrs. W. R. Taylor; of Robert Cleary near Mt. Zion. to men and to locate passages in thusiasm — with no intelligent the ice to let his vessel through. The imagination to direct their energy. Honored place on the sidewalk, allowed Boone to heat them in has been Agriculture teacher in the locate passages in thusiasm — with no intelligent thusiasm — with no intelligent the sidewalk, game to Piney Creek and also Cox, Amherst, Va. Mr. Higgins Literature Mrs. Edison Nuckolls; Wilburn Goodman has taken and their general antique appear- allowed Boone to beat them in has been Agriculture teacher in Stewardship, Mrs. Van Miller; over the Shell Service station Personal Service, Mrs. T. S. near Goodman Lumber Plant. C. A. Reeves; Margaret Fund, family, Millers Creek, spent the Mrs. R. C. Halsey; Young Peo- week-end with his parents, Mr. New Hope, May 20.—Misses Louise and Frankie Roupe are spending this week with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending as few weeks with their The nominating committee was spending as few weeks with their t

composed of Mrs. F. Miller, Mrs. friends here went to Laurel Reece Miller, Mrs. Absher, Mrs. Springs Saturday to spend some-W. R. Taylor and Mrs. G. P. time with relatives there.

Those interested in the Cran-field, chairman of resolutions some time with his parents, Mr. berry Cemetery are to meet May committee, for the inspiring mes- and Mrs. Arthur Sexton. 29, at 9 a. m. for the purpose of sages and gracious hospitality.

#### Maple Shade

Louise and Reba Sue Roupe Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Delp and and Pennsylvania.

day with her sister Mrs. James where he is employed by the Hos-Mr. and Mrs. Claude Critcher Halsey at Mouth of Wilson. Mrs. Opal Halsey visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Delp Sunday af- THE GERMAN THRUST IN

ternoon. Miss Ina De Bord and Dale -has reached the region of DeBord visited Misses Ossie and Reims, it was said in official

# Baseball season will see many good games this year

For general convenience there Mr. Tompkins stated today that is printed herewith the full list cause he is hindered by lack of ably many of the Saturday games

well as Sparta. WEDNESDAY GAMES Fries Weavers at Sparta, May 29. Sparta at Fries Maroons, June 5. Sparta at Austinville, June 12. Sparta at Rural Retreat June 19. Ivanhoe at Sparta, June 26. Independence at Sparta, July 3. Sparta at Hillsville, July 10. Jackson Ferry at Sparta July 17. Galax at Sparta, July 24. -Association held its tenth Sparta at Fries Maroons, Aug. 7. Fries Weavers at Sparta, July 31. annual meeting on May 14, Sparta at Austinville, Aug. 14. at the Scottville Baptist Sparta at Rural Retreat Aug. 21. Associational Superintendent, pre- Independence at Sparta, Sept. 4.

SATURDAY GAMES In Mother"; Devotional, Rev. A. Rural Retreat at Sparta, June 1. Sparta at Fries Weavers, Aug. 24.

#### Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, May 21-Mr. and dress on the watchword of the year "Be Ye Steadfast, Unmov-year "Be Ye Steadfast, Unmov-year The Year of the Year

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crouse Following the adjournment the and son, Farrell, Mr. and Mrs.

Elder W. H. Handy, merchant, Chief feature of the afternoon who has been very sick for two

her attractive posters. Her topic ternoon by a stump puller. It is reported that the hitch broke Miss Frances King Turner who loose from the puller and the is a graduate of the W. M. U. sweep struck him, crushing both training school Louisville, Ky., legs below the knees. He was imwas introduced by Mrs. E. C. mediately rushed to Davis hos-

week in June to conduct classes Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coats, Mr. on "How And Why Of W. M. U." and Mrs. Robert Oakley, Mrs. The report of the nominating Marvin Tedder, Mrs. Worth Bodenhammer, H. G. Billings Jr., all

Moxley; Training School, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Delp and

Mrs. Monroe Fender, after The nominating committee was spending a few weeks with

Neal Sexton, who has been em-Appreciation and gratitude was ployed in Danville for some time, expressed by Mrs. G. P. Crutch- returned home Saturday to spend

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hapner spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Sheets, Scottville. Mrs. M. E. Wilson is expecting to leave soon to spend a few

Mo. of Wilson, Va., May 20- weeks with relatives in Maryland spent Thursday night with Doris, children visited Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walston,

Zack Ward of Turkey Knob Sun- Benton, Ky., who have occupied a cottage here for three weeks, Mrs. J. M. Anderson spent Sun-have moved to Independence iery Mills.

THE DIRECTION OF PARIS

gees, were reported strafed by the Germans from the air.

Senate of France Tuesday in Mae Haisey Sunday.

Paris under the black shadow of Cultural department of Sparta German invasion, issuing an an-Nichols of Marion spent the weekslightly north of Paris. Occu-

others "far off" — apparently meaning to can reckiess in building such a pation of this region would mark turn up. Some cry out against place as he did. The answer is, Sparta Tuesday from a visit to Germany shipped nearly 2, meaning the Americas—to rally to the allied cause "before it is too other countries in the last year."

Of course it has faults. But itan asset to the town? Did the world's Fair.

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Others "far off" — apparently meaning the Americas—to rally to the allied cause "before it is too other countries in the last year. others "far off" - apparently Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cox and pation of this region would mark