



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 before.

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 innamorata, 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 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 buildings was reported in Imperial and Brawley and the sides of several buildings in El Centro fell away. More than \$100,000 damages was caused by demolition of buildings in the border cities of Mexicali and Calexico, said reports to police here.

On The Carolina Front

Raleigh, May 22.—Broughton, of Raleigh, will lead the field of candidates for the Governorship in 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 Greensboro News, Henry Averill, special correspondent of afternoon North Carolina newspapers, and Stanley Wohl, State political reporter in Raleigh for the Charlotte Observer.

does have the virtue of enabling the man with large vision to set at work thousands who have no vision.

As Capus M. Waynick said to us years ago when we worked for him on the Greensboro Record, "Only as a man has imagination and initiative will he accomplish anything in this world." And that was merely putting the same truth into other words. He went on from there to be North Carolina's Highway Commission Chairman. Only as a man imagines how some job can be done, or done better, and then has the initiative to act, will he accomplish much. Some have a vision of what might be done, but lack the initiative to do it. Others are all energy and enthusiasm—with no intelligent imagination to direct their energy.

All of which leads us to Sparta's Main Street. There are a good dozen things to be done right in Sparta to make it a happier community. But no one person can do all. Some will not "see" anything to be done. Some will "see," and lack the energy to do. Others will ask what we mean and if we tell them they will sneer—because they don't "see."

We traveled to a neighboring town Sunday. It has many advantages over Sparta. Also, it has very many ragged-looking buildings; an awful amount of rubbish blowing about the streets; some trash cans that look pretty trashy themselves; and some business houses that appear dismal and forbidding. But never mind their disadvantages. Has Sparta anything to do to present a better appearance?

Sparta needs business expansion. Several businesses could be started in Sparta, with every hope of success. But what places are available? If someone looks for a store to rent, where does he find it? And who has the "vision" to begin building a place? Some considered Mr. Duncan reckless in building such a place as he did. The answer is, Are the Dime Store and Delp's an asset to the town? Did the

building stand empty months, or only days, before renters were moving in and establishing businesses? Are those businesses prospering?

And now to some smaller details of Sparta life. Whether due to what we said about it, but double parking has definitely lessened in front of the Post Office—and that makes for a happier town. What, now, can be done about folks who drive on, and park upon the sidewalk? That it is utter (and German) disregard of others' feelings and convenience may not appeal to the drivers. Pedestrians may have some rights out in the road, but on the sidewalk they better beware, apparently.

Sparta's trash cans occupy an honored place on the sidewalk, and their general antique appearance seems to beget a suitable deference from the public. We saw a merchant sweeping the roadway today—'twas a credit to him, only. At least he "saw" a need, and acted.

The Allies, with their backs to the English channel

—fought Tuesday night against a new German advance which spread a path of fire across northern France and threatened to isolate England.

The French high command's night communique admitted the Germans drove their advance guard to Amiens and Arras on the edge of the coastal plain leading to the English channel.

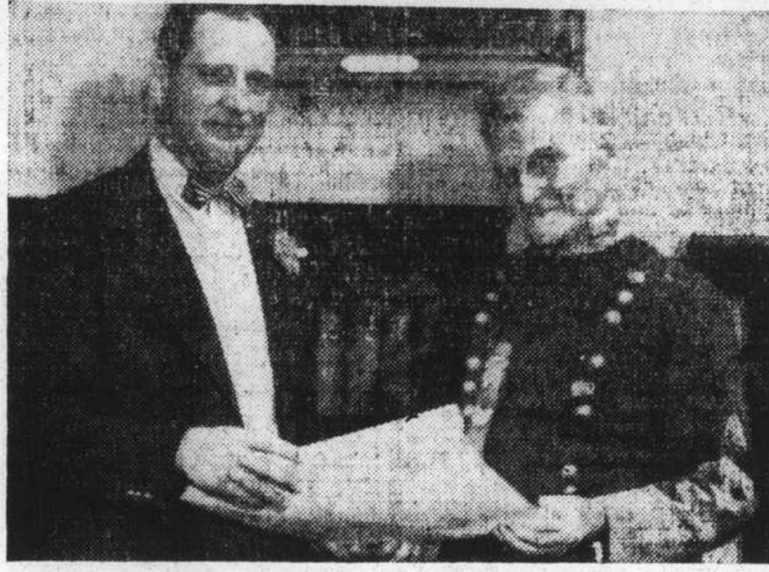
The war ministry spokesman said he believed the French still held Abbeville itself, but that "I can give no official confirmation."

German motorcycle units thrust along roads to the west of Arras and Amiens behind advance bombardments and machine-gunning.

Other roads radiating from the French towns, filled with refugees, were reported strafed by the Germans from the air.

Frank Doughton returned to Sparta Tuesday from a visit to Washington and the New York World's Fair.

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 34-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, both kinsmen of his whom he had appointed as Colonels 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 remarkably active today.



After a number of preliminary meetings at Mrs. Hardin's, and some correspondence with national headquarters in New York, the first regular meeting of Camp Fire Girls was held in the Methodist Church Thursday, May 9. Mr. Mead outlined the purposes and aims of Camp Fire Girls organization, and a beginning was made on definite local organization.

On Thursday, May 16, the

second meeting was held, at which the girls were divided into two groups. Mrs. Hardin will be leader or Guardian of the older group, with Mrs. Warren as sponsor. Mrs. Ima Vaughan will be leader of the younger group, known as Blue Birds, with Mrs. Mexa Phipps assistant, and Mrs. R. L. Berry as sponsor. About six girls comprise each group at present, and Lucille Mitchell is secretary of the Camp Fire Girls.

Sparta boys bring home the banner from Boone

—from the annual field day of the Parkway Federation which is made up of the Agricultural department of Alleghany, Avery and Watauga counties. The annual field day at Boone last Saturday saw the following schools represented: Sparta, Piney Creek, Boone, Crossnore, Cove Creek, Newland and Cranberry. In the activities of the day, Sparta was represented by the following boys: John Pugh, Lonnie Lee and Charlie Gale Edwards, Foster Absher, Kenny Goodman, Cleo Reeves, Olen Carpenter, Robert Morton, Paige Barre, and Howard Moxley. Sparta lost their horseshoe game to Piney Creek and also allowed Boone to beat them in soft ball, but they won enough points in the track meet to win the Federation Field Day Banner.

New Hope



Mrs. Harold H. Higgins, Sparta, who was, before her marriage at Massies Mill, Va., on Friday, May 10, Miss Thelma Dow Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dow Cox, Amherst, Va. Mr. Higgins has been Agriculture teacher in Sparta High School.

New Hope, May 20.—Misses Louise and Frankie Rouse are spending this week with their aunt, Mrs. W. E. Carvard, of North Wilkesboro.

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

Those interested in the Cranberry Cemetery are to meet May 29, at 9 a. m. for the purpose of working on the cemetery and improving it.

Mrs. R. B. Petty was carried to the hospital at Hickory, N. C., for treatment Saturday.

Louise and Reba Sue Rouse spent Thursday night with Doris, Mildred and Edna Jones.

Mrs. Bessie Critcher spent Saturday night with Mrs. G. B. Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Critcher made a business trip to Galax Monday.

PREMIER REYNAUD, OF FRANCE, ADDRESSED THE Senate of France Tuesday in Paris under the black shadow of German invasion, issuing an anguished appeal to the French and others "far off."

Germany shipped nearly 2,500,000 phonograph records to other countries in the last year.

Dan Tompkins, the Mountain candidate for

—Lieutenant-Governor, will speak to the people of his mountain country over Radio Station WWNC, Asheville, Thursday night, May 23, from 9:15 to 9:45 o'clock. Mr. Tompkins stated today that it had been impossible for him to visit all the sections of the state, even the mountain country, because he is hindered by lack of time and lack of finances. His friends, therefore, have put up the money to make it possible for him to carry his message to all Western North Carolina, by radio, two days prior to the primary.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Alleghany

—Association held its tenth annual meeting on May 14, at the Scottville Baptist Church. Mrs. A. O. Joines, Association Superintendent, presided. The following program occupied the morning session:

Song, "What A Friend We Have In Mother"; Devotional, Rev. A. F. Absher; welcome, Mrs. Pince Waddell; response, Miss Cleo Jones; History of the Hymn of the Year, "How Firm A Foundation"; Miss Elvira Wagoner; mission study, Mrs. W. R. Taylor; stewardship, Mrs. Van Miller; Margaret fund, Mrs. R. C. Halsey; comment, Miss Frances King Turner; in memoriam of Mrs. Myrtle Reeves, Mrs. G. P. Crutchfield. Roll call of churches showed representatives from each missionary society and a number of visitors.

Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, May 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shores, Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crouse and son, Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Irwin and son, Howard, visited friends here Sunday.

Elder W. H. Handy, merchant, who has been very sick for two or three weeks is able to be out again.

Oscar Gambill was painfully and seriously injured Monday afternoon by a stump puller. It is reported that the hitch broke loose from the puller and the sweep struck him, crushing both legs below the knees. He was immediately rushed to Davis hospital, Statesville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coats, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakley, Mrs. Marvyn Tedder, Mrs. Worth Bodenhamer, H. G. Billings Jr., all of Hanes, and Miss Annie Beacham, Mocksville, stopped with friends here Sunday enroute to attend a birthday dinner in honor of Robert Cleary near Mt. Zion.

Wilburn Goodman has taken over the Shell Service station near Goodman Lumber Plant. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Delp and family, Millers Creek, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Delp, Stratford.

Mrs. Monroe Fender, after spending a few weeks with friends here went to Laurel Springs Saturday to spend some time with relatives there.

Neal Sexton, who has been employed in Danville for some time, returned home Saturday to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sexton.

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 weeks with relatives in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walston, Benton, Ky., who have occupied a cottage here for three weeks, have moved to Independence where he is employed by the Hosier Mills.

THE GERMAN THRUST IN THE DIRECTION OF PARIS—has reached the region of Reims, it was said in official German circles in Berlin early Wednesday.

Reims is 80 miles west and slightly north of Paris. Occupation of this region would mark a new bottom of the "pocket" formed by the advancing German armies in the French lines.

Blair Wheatly and Samuel Nichols of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Poe were visiting relatives in Independence Sunday.

Mo. of Wilson, Va., May 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Delp and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Zack Ward of Turkey Knob Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Anderson spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. James Halsey at Mouth of Wilson.

Mrs. Opal Halsey visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Delp Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ina De Bord and Dale DeBord visited Misses Ossie and Mae Halsey Sunday.