



# Our world...

## Germans Boast of "Greatest Destruction"

Berlin, June 5.—Adolf Hitler's high command announced last night the conclusion of "the greatest destructive battle of all times," with the capture of hard-held Dunkerque along with 40,000 prisoners, and then threatened the French and British with "total destruction." It told the German people that they could be certain "that final victory is ours," now that Flanders is won.

## Allies Reply with Vigor

Paris, June 5.—The Allies wrote off the battle of Flanders with the abandonment of Dunkerque yesterday and slashed back at the Germans in grim bomb-for-bomb reprisals to a first Nazi raid on Paris Monday which left 1,000 Frenchmen dead or wounded. With most of their troops out of the besieged channel port, the French announced the end of the northern campaign and turned swiftly to the task of replying to the German air forays. Less than 12 hours after the Germans loosed 1,000 bombs on Paris and vicinity yesterday, the war ministry announced that Allied bombers had started striking back "with great success" in raids on Munich, Frankfurt and the Ruhr basin.

## Blitzkriegs and Billions

Washington, June 4.—Bad news comes for the most part these days in the form of blitzkriegs and billions. Following conferences at the treasury department, attended by Representative Robert L. Doughton, of North Carolina, chairman of the ways and means committee, and Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, chairman of the finance committee, and following sessions of the house revenue committee—both open and executive sessions—it was revealed that the national debt will be increased from the three billion dollars previously agreed upon, to four billions, and that taxes would be increased correspondingly.

## Britain Preparing for Any Event

London, June 4.—Winston Churchill today gave the British commons and people the measure of defeat and the epic of rescue for the allied armies in Flanders. With the Flanders battle and the rescue ended, Belgium and her army lost and the contingent's channel ports in the invader's hands, Churchill told the commons: "There is always a chance of invasion." "We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be," he said. "We shall fight on the beaches, the landing grounds, in the fields, in the streets and on the hills. We shall never surrender."

## Italy Prepares to Enter War

Rome, June 4.—Armed and shouting its readiness for war, Italy waited tensely today through a cabinet meeting that approved new preparedness moves but gave no hint as to when fighting might begin.

## Edison Resigns to Seek Governorship

Washington, June 4.—President Roosevelt accepted today the resignation of Charles Edison, secretary of the navy, effective June 24. Edison resigned to run for the governorship of New Jersey on the Democratic ticket.

## J. M. Broughton Governor Nominate

Raleigh, June 4.—Lieut.-Gov. W. P. Horton's outgoing from the gubernatorial primary with his statement that the first race had exhausted his personal means and Revenue Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell's serious illness are making new talk against the statewide primary. Their elimination leaves Mr. Broughton as the Democratic nominee for Governor of N. C.

Parkway, for distribution. Come in and get one.

Sparta has just had another fire that was a complete loss. And Sparta is a bit touchy on the subject of fires. Nevertheless it is only sensible to look at facts calmly and dispassionately. The exits from the school auditorium are so congested following an evening program, such as the last Senior Play, that in case of fire a panic might occur which could be very serious. At times more are killed in the panic than are actually burned by fire.

Natchez, Mississippi, recently buried 247 people, victims of the worst fire disaster in recent years. Of 300 crowded into a dance hall, only 53 escaped, and the other 247 perished. Why so few escaped? Just this, and here's the vital point: in a panic the inadequate exits became jammed so that nobody got out. Those 53 made escape otherwise than through the battling crowd at the doors. Natchez takes its place with the Chicago theatre fire in 1903—602 children dead; the Ohio school disaster in 1908—174 dead; the New York City factory fire in 1911—145 dead.

Back to Sparta, and for a look on the brighter side. Our school does need an auditorium on the ground floor, with larger capacity—as befits Sparta. The school itself needs the room of the present upper-floor auditorium for school purposes. During the school year the pupils have frequent fire drills, so that they are trained for fire emergencies, and no parent need worry about danger during school hours. And, the new water supply and fire hose, with active and organized firemen, are a great comfort. But, the need of a new and ample auditorium, with adequate exits for a case of panic at night, should not be pushed aside as merely visionary.

For the game of Checkers it would appear that Sparta Garage is something akin to headquarters. And we understand Sparta af-

fords some players of ability. Well, as Sparta challenges for the supremacy in basketball, in baseball, and in spelling, why should Sparta not also enter the field for honors in checkers? Is there a Western North Carolina Checker League? Or a Carolina Checker League? Or any Checker League that Sparta could exercise its talent upon?

## To Ponder

Your first accident may be your last. The pace that thrills is the pace that kills. A careful driver is seldom sorry. Roads can be made safe, but not fool-proof.

## The CCC Camp boys raised \$30.82

—in their first effort for the Red Cross Relief Fund drive, according to Mr. Berry who visited the camp and presented the matter to them.

## Rev. J. W. Foster will preach

—on Sunday at 11 o'clock in the Sparta Presbyterian Church, and there will be no night service as scheduled.

Rev. Mr. Foster is a Presbyterian minister from Coolemeec, who is assisting Mr. Berry in meetings every night this week at Rocky Ridge.

Mrs. J. M. Wagoner, of Roanoke, has been visiting in town this week.

Charles Choate, who has been in Oak Ridge Military Institute, went with his schoolmate and chum, Bob Jones, to the latter's home in Canon City, Colorado. And the letters Charles sends home to Dr. Leff and Mrs. Choate are full of the interesting time he is having in tasting the life of a cowboy. This week he is to ride a steer in the local rodeo.

Washington, D. C.—The shocking developments in the tragic European war have made Americans conscious of the need for defending their national institutions, not only from external attack but also from the insidious menace of Fifth Column elements in this country. Current political incidents evidence further the extent to which this Trojan Horse has begun to affect the views of a portion of the nation.

The activities and audacity of subversive elements in America were well demonstrated when, on May 19, a meeting was held in Schuetzen Park, North Bergen, New Jersey, where eleven thousand "patriots" gathered to celebrate the exploits of the Nazi army in France and Belgium, and to pay respects to the candle-flanked bronze plaque of Adolf Hitler.

Prominent among the propaganda devices is "Facts in Review," issued by the German Library of Information, and located at the same address as the German Consulate General's office in New York. Distributed in extensive quantities to American businessmen, civic leaders and educators, this weekly Nazi bulletin not only gives a distorted view of conditions abroad but in a very subtle manner encourages anti-democratic activities in this country.

Senator James F. Byrnes (S. C.) perhaps better than anyone else thus far, summed up the Fifth Column threat to this country in his reply to Col. Lindbergh's radio address of May 18. Said the Senator:

"The people of America know that a nation does not have to ask for war in order to have it visited upon them. . . . England and France were lured into a false sense of security by those who pleaded as Mr. Lindbergh has pleaded that they could continue to live in peace with nations that trample ruthlessly over the rights of other nations. . . . Fifth Columns are already active in America. And those who consciously or unconsciously retard the efforts of this Government to provide for the defense of the American people are the Fifth Column's most effective fellow-travellers."

Mussolini, it seems, is almost-but-not-quite-ready to join the fracas. Italy will only go to war should Il Duce become convinced that the Allies are on the verge of defeat. When he decides this point has been reached, he will then, and only then, spring upon his Latin blood relatives and help finish them. But so long as he is out of the war, there is no need to go into the depths of pessimism — the democracies have a reasonable chance of coming out on top.

## Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Saw an interesting thing this morning—a man trying for 30 minutes to get a screen door into an automobile, before he became convinced it would not go in, and then was apparently content to tie it on the side—as we all do. Have you ever watched an ant try and try and try to do what, to you, was evidently impossible — and then finally change purposes and be content with some other way? They and we have something in common.

Spring is a glorious time and the wealth of beauty in the woods and the hills makes life in Alleghany pleasant. But right here in Sparta, in Dr. Doughton's front yard there are blooms that are simply magnificent and gorgeous. And to enjoy them costs only the effort to see and appreciate. Beauty has that quality in common with truth; both can be shared, with the result of doubling the joy of giver as well as receiver. Dr. Doughton has enjoyed those blooms himself, and enriched our lives as well.

And Mr. Coombs of the Blue Ridge Parkway service tells us now is just the time for people to see the grandest displays of flowers and foliage all along the Parkway. Also, he suggests that the flowers are there to give delight to many eyes, for many days. Only a few selfish individuals try to pluck for their own particular enjoyment. Plucked mountain flowers fade very soon, anyway. Mr. Coombs gave us a supply of delightful circulars, with a fine map of the whole

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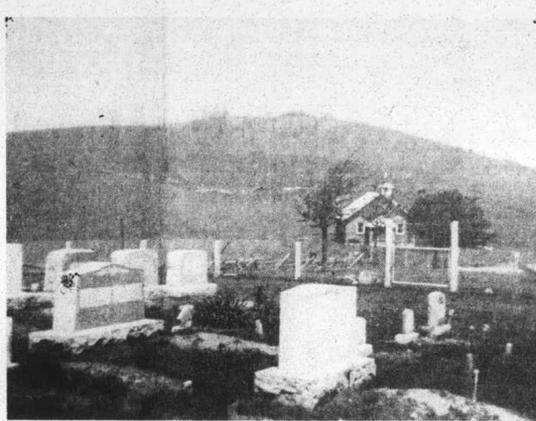
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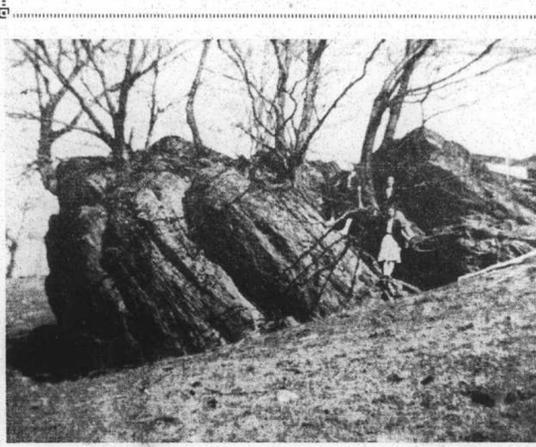
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## Beautiful for Situation



The Old Thomas Joines Cemetery and the new Whitehead Union Baptist Church, where Decoration Services will be held Sunday, June 9, with Rev. R. J. Toliver and Rev. George Miles the speakers.

## Alleghany-Oddities



by Frances Wrench  
They say it requires soil for vegetation, but scientists are demonstrating otherwise, and even Alleghany County appears with something unique. Among many Oddities a huge rock that supports a small grove of trees is worthy of notice.  
On a hill just off the Twin Oaks road, on Highway 21, nearly opposite Green Gables, is a large rock out of which a number of staunch and sturdy trees have sprung. Apparently their whole support is the rock on which they grow. Sunlight and rain and air they do get in abundance.  
You might be inclined to be incredulous, and think our Oddity was imaginary, so we offer a picture taken on the spot, with three young ladies of Sparta to lend charm to the scene and show proportions.  
And if you still wonder at our Oddity, go and see for yourself. It is well worth a trip, only you'll find it hidden under spring leaves now—but there, nevertheless, as surely as the rocks.

## The U. S. Navy expects to enlist 25,000 men

—during the next few months. Men between the ages of 18 and 31, single, and with a grammar school education or above, are eligible. The Navy offers good pay, promotion, travel, retirement pension after twenty years service, and opportunity to further or complete your education. All men meeting the above requirements, who are interested in a Naval career, are requested to apply at the Navy Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Salisbury, N. C.

## Red Cross Relief Fund is growing toward the goal

—and Alleghany County will not fail in doing its share to relieve the awful distress and human misery

that is coming upon innocent victims of an unholy war as the world has seen in ages.

Rev. Mr. Berry has just received a telegram from Red Cross headquarters expressing amazement at the very ruthlessness of the suffering inflicted upon children and wholly innocent and inoffensive people in the countries ravaged by armies.

## Mrs. Monroe Andrews gave a surprise party

—for her husband on his 63rd birthday anniversary, Sunday, June 2.

Monroe B. Andrews was born and grew up in the Furches community of Alleghany County. He lived in Wilkes County for a time, and then returned to his native county to stay.

Just before the dinner a short talk was given by Elder Willie Hamm, and then some 30 friends and relatives sat down to a delicious dinner and happy conversation.

## Better Than Natural Rubber

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey announced today it was prepared in case of national emergency to make all the synthetic rubber and high explosives needed by the United States.

He asserted the company also was in a position to get immediately into large-scale production of trinitrotoluol, TNT and nitroglycerine, "if requested by the government."

## Little Pine

Little Pine, June 3.—Rev. G. W. Tucker, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Jessie Greene is very sick. A. R. Murphy spent Friday night with his son, Click Murphy.

Mrs. Gard Greene, who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Holloway, of North Wilkesboro, were visiting relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Caudill, of Whitehead, spent the week-end with Mrs. Caudill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wagoner.

Those visiting Mrs. Cleta Collins Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, Zelma and Jene Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris, Thelma Dale and Atrree Greene.

Mrs. Kelly Murphy was shopping in Galax Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacle Carpenter, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Maines, over the week-end.

Miss Thelma Greene spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Reva Wilson.

Lawrence Greene, of Greensboro, visited relatives here over the week-end.

A large crowd attended the decoration at Hooker Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tompkins Monday were Mrs. Cleta Collins, D. R. Tompkins and son, Leo, Zelma, Jene and Atrree Greene, Friel Lowe and Dale Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Chappell spent Wednesday night at Mack Wagoner's.

Miss Blanche Finney of Mouth of Wilson spent last week with Miss Maxine Reeves.

Charles Castevens, who was a student at Emory and Henry College, is at home for the summer.

## Another fire beyond control destroyed the home

—of Omer Edwards about 2:30 p. m. Tuesday when everyone was away. The small home stood near the

creek, just on the edge of Sparta on the Whitehead road, and how the fire started is not known, though some suppose an overheated radio may have ignited curtains or walls.

The fire was seen by a passer-by and the electric siren sounded at 2:05 o'clock. In a few moments the hose truck was on its way—only to discover that there was no hydrant near enough to be of any use. So the fire had its own way, and everything was lost.

Only four months ago Mr. Edwards suffered the loss of his entire kit of mechanic's tools in the Alleghany Motor Co. fire, and now the home is gone, so his loss by fire has been considerable.

As Sparta grows down the Whitehead road the need for more hydrants in that direction will increase. Indeed, as Sparta grows, her needs in every line of civic improvement will grow.

## Dr. V. S. Armbrister has been named dean of Emory and Henry

—College, Emory, to succeed Dr. Howell Meadors Henry, whose retirement was accepted. The action was taken last week at a meeting of the college board of trustees. Dr. Armbrister has been professor of English at Emory and Henry for sometime.

Dr. Armbrister was graduated from Emory and Henry College in 1928 at the head of his class and began teaching at the college in the fall of the same year. He is a native of Wythe County and, before going to Emory and Henry he taught in the public schools of Wythe and Tazewell Counties.

He entered Vanderbilt University in 1929 where he received his master of arts degree and returned to the college as associate professor of English in 1930. In 1936 he returned to Vanderbilt where he received his Ph.D. degree and returned to the college as professor of English in 1938. This same year he was also made Dean of Freshmen and chairman of the college discipline committee.

Dr. Armbrister coached the college champion debate in 1935-1936 and saw this team win national recognition in collegiate competition.

Dr. Henry, who has been dean of Emory and Henry College for the past twenty-one years, will continue at the college as head of the department of history, political science, and economics.

## Citron

Citron, June 3.—Mrs. Glenn Royal and daughter, Hazel, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Ellis, Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Elmer Osborne spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson at Furches.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Miller spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Moxley.

Robert Hoppers and R. G. Taylor made a business trip to North Wilkesboro Saturday.

Major Ellis has returned to his home in Wilkesboro after spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Glenn Royal.

Citron, June 4.—Cline Myers and Ray Long drove to North Wilkesboro Saturday.

Clarice Wyatt spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Miller.

Miss Pearl Upchurch spent Thursday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Long, daughter, Wilma, and son Tommie, visited Katherine Roberts in Black Mt. Sunday and came back by Grandfather Mtn., Blowing Rock, and Boone Sunday.

Cline Myers and Rufus Joe Long were visitors at Ennice Sunday.

Woodrow Richardson is at home for the summer. He was a student at State College, Raleigh.

Miss Alma Crouse left Wednesday for Washington where she is employed.



Rainy days often ruin everything, but almost all the members of the Camp Fire Girls came to last Thursday's meeting, in spite of the weather. The Blue Birds had planned a picnic, but it had to be postponed. We now have enough membership fees so we can get our Charter, and then we can really begin having fun. We have taken the responsibility of raising \$5.00 for the Red Cross Relief Fund, and believe it or not, we have \$3.25 already, and think that's pretty good.

## The W. M. U. of Laurel Springs Baptist Church

—met Wednesday afternoon May 22, at the home of Miss Hazel Lee Taylor, with Mrs. Guy Taylor associate hostess. Mrs. T. S. Moxley was in charge of the program.

"Youth Steadfast for Christ" the topic of the month was discussed by eight members.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. F. Miller; Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Guy Taylor. Mrs. Miller has served as president of the Laurel Springs W. M. U., twenty-seven years.

Delicious refreshments were served to the members and two visitors.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. T. S. Moxley June 19th, with Mrs. Guy Taylor leader.

## Lucille Ford Circle of Baptist W. M. U.

—will meet Tuesday night, June 11, at 7.45 with Mrs. R. A. Barton, with Mrs. R. L. Rickerson in charge of the program.

## A permanent U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station

—will be opened in the post office building at Winston-Salem, on the 10th of June. The Marine Corps is putting on an intensive drive to obtain an increase in personnel. Vacancies will be filled by young men between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age, white, single, of good moral character and of sound physique. Men having previous military service will be accepted up to 35 years of age.

A splendid opportunity for advancement awaits those who enlist in the Marine Corps now. Any young man who desires adventure, promotion and a chance to complete or further their education should either write or apply in person at the U. S. Marine Corps recruiting station, Post Office building, Winston-Salem.

Young men who qualify and are accepted will be sent to the Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C., for a brief period of training before being assigned to some service school, ship, foreign station, aircraft unit, navy yard, or Marine barracks, for duty.