



Washington, D. C.—The latest Gallup Poll shows a sharp rise in the popularity of Wendell Willkie as a presidential candidate and a small decline in the popularity of Thomas E. Dewey. Our own survey has been damaged considerably by three derisive articles about him in magazines of national circulation, while Senator Robert A. Taft has gained slightly during the past two weeks. The outcome, however, will remain uncertain until after the first ballot on June 24. It is still the opinion of your correspondents that Dewey and Taft will eliminate each other, leaving the field wide open to a dark horse—probably Willkie.

Many letters reach this desk asking why the Allies do not have as many planes as the Germans. The reason is simply that democracies put their emphasis on peace, hoping that war won't come, while dictatorships cynically make automatons of their citizenry and relentlessly arm for conquest.

It seems to us that since Congressmen are paid by the year, there is no good reason why Congress should not remain in session this summer and deal with emergencies when, as, and if they arise.

Considerable apprehension has arisen over F. D. R.'s request for authority to call out the National Guard if an emergency arises while Congress is not in session. Such an emergency is not beyond possibility, and it is for just such uses that the National Guard and Congressmen are maintained and paid for by the taxpayers.

Gone are the days when the Chief Executive could take an hour off and plunge into the White House swimming pool. From early in the morning until late in the evening when Secretary LeHand pokes her head through the door and says enough is enough, Mr. Roosevelt toils straight through the day. Gone, even, are the days when the President looked forward with enthusiasm to long week-ends of rest at his mother's home in Hyde Park. Theoretically, he is on a "24-hour-a-day" basis.

German-born journalist Karl von Wiegand, who is personally acquainted with Hitler, says that he is "devoured by a fever of haste and perpetual precipitation, a veritable tempest in which his crises of impatient hysteria or furious anger make his collaborators tremble every time that an obstacle slows down the execution of an order he has given".

Wiegand reports the Fuehrer as having told him: "The day is not far distant when I shall no longer be of this world. I have so little time to live and so much to do before I leave you." Recently, he has seemed to feel the approach of death more keenly. He has not flown for months, and has forbidden his trusted henchmen, even aviator Goering, to use air transport. Excuse he gives is that a stupid accident could be helpful to the enemy.

### Snap Shots and Sun Spots

The sun is showing many spots these days, for it shines down on us very hot and bright and sultry—and then in a very few moments here we are in a heavy downpour of rain. And in a short time the sunshine is out again as bright as ever.

We certainly appreciate the kind efforts of friends to gather the county news for us. It is one of the finest expressions of good will. We are always anxious for news. Nevertheless the only safe and reasonable rule is to insist that the writer's name be given,—though not necessarily for publication. Our regular correspondents sometimes seem to depend upon our knowledge of their handwriting for identification—which is all right when we guess right! If some of your notes have not appeared in print it may be we lacked a clue to the authorship.

Recently we sent some visitors from Norwich, Conn., over the Blue Ridge Parkway to Boone. They ran right into a real mountain storm, of cloud and lightning and rain and hail, that

## Our world...

### German's Grim Determination

Berlin, June 11.—The German army was reported pounding against fierce resistance tonight on the Marne river. In the German view, Paris is "immediately threatened... the fate of France is sealed... enemy power of resistance is visibly waning... no uniform French line of resistance is left." Looking beyond the immediate objective of Paris, the German aim was stated today as complete destruction of the French army, in conjunction with the Italian forces from the south and east.

### Switzerland Feels The Blows

Geneva, June 12.—At least one person was killed and six injured in an exclusive residential suburb of Geneva, seat of the league of nations, early today when a foreign war plane, apparently Italian, dropped bombs near a French fort.

### Britain And Italy Exchange Blows

London, June 11.—Britain's air force raided the desert airdromes in Italian Libya and east African Eritrea today, backing up with bombs the allied declaration of readiness to meet Mussolini. These blows, along with seven Italian raids on the British naval base at Malta, were the first struck in the new theater of war—the Mediterranean and Red seas. British announcement said "we caught them napping this time." A prize claimed by the British was the capture in the Red sea of the 10,000-ton Italian vessel Umbria, loaded with 5,000 tons of bombs intended for the Italian East African airforce and thousands of tons of cement. "Great success" attended the attacks of long-range Blenheim bombers on Italy's principal military airfields in Libya, which threatened Egypt and the Suez canal.

### Turkey's Watchful Waiting

Ankara, Turkey, June 11.—Turkey summoned probably 200,000 men and officers to military barracks to join 350,000 already under arms tonight as she waited a hint from Russia before casting the die on war. Informed sources said if Soviet Russia keeps out of the conflict, Turkey will enter the war on the side of the Allies to whom she has pledged assistance in a Mediterranean war. But if Josef Stalin is ready to help Italy and Germany there is no alternative but for this country to keep quiet, it was added frankly.

### Help For Allies And Money For Defense

Washington, June 11.—Warmly indorsing an organized "stop Hitler now" movement, President Roosevelt worked today to rush all possible material help to the Allies, while Congress continued its rapid-fire action on the national defense program, now grown to \$5,021,619,622. The chief executive announced to a press conference that the nation's lists of military supplies were being combed to see what might be spared for the beleaguered French and British. At the same time, the senate, by a 67 to 18 vote, approved legislation to permit the government to dispose of surplus world war guns in a way which will make them available to the Allied armies.

## RED CROSS

At a call meeting of the local Red Cross officers at the Court House, Monday, June 10, Mr. Calhoun from Washington, D. C., Red Cross Headquarters, discussed with us various plans and problems connected with our local Red Cross work.

The terrible suffering in Europe is taxing the resources of the Red Cross greatly, and they are asking every chapter in this country to raise double its originally assigned quota of Relief Funds.

Because of the urgent necessity of raising the fund, and because of his own heavy responsibilities, Mr. Strader asked that he be relieved as chairman of the Relief Fund and that Mr. W. S. Mead be appointed to the place. This was decided upon unanimously.

Even with our doubled quota, the amount already raised equals one-third of the total needed, and we bespeak for the sake of human beings in dire need, and for the honor of Allegheny County, a quick gathering of the full amount.

Mr. Alton Thompson of the Sparta Northwestern Bank is the Red Cross Treasurer, and all money gathered should be turned in promptly to him.

As Mr. Mead organizes the Fund effort, on plans agreed upon at our meeting, we pledge our best support and bespeak for him the united and active support of every person and organization in Allegheny County.

R. L. BERRY, Chairman  
County Red Cross Chapt.  
L. F. STRADER, Chairman  
Relief Fund

### To All People Of Allegheny County

With considerable reluctance I accepted the task urged upon me by Mr. Calhoun and the Red Cross officers on Monday. Where duty calls, or there is service to be rendered, I must not shirk.

Allegheny County is asked to supply a quota of \$400 toward the ten million dollars the Red Cross organization needs for Relief work in ravaged European lands. This amount from our 8,000 people seems reasonable enough, and indeed one-third of the total is already gathered.

The present plan is to use every existing organization in the county, and every church group, as a center, asking each to gather, in their own circle or community, a portion of the total sum. Thus the task can be accomplished smoothly and quickly, and Allegheny County can have the satisfaction of having responded promptly and effectively.

We ask for the willing and active support of every person toward the successful gathering of our share of the Red Cross Relief Fund.

W. S. MEAD

literally stopped them still. At the time it was terrifying, but they came through safely and now have a good tale to tell the grandchildren.

We who live in Allegheny should enjoy the delights of the Parkway at every opportunity. The folders and maps we offered are going fast and we secured a new supply. They are free.

It is said advertising is news, put in bold type. Well, Sparta has had very little news in bold type recently. Certainly it is big news when Mrs. Cheek offers her restaurant for sale, as she does this week. If ever there was a town with a crying need for a restaurant or two it is Sparta. And surely somebody will grasp this opportunity.

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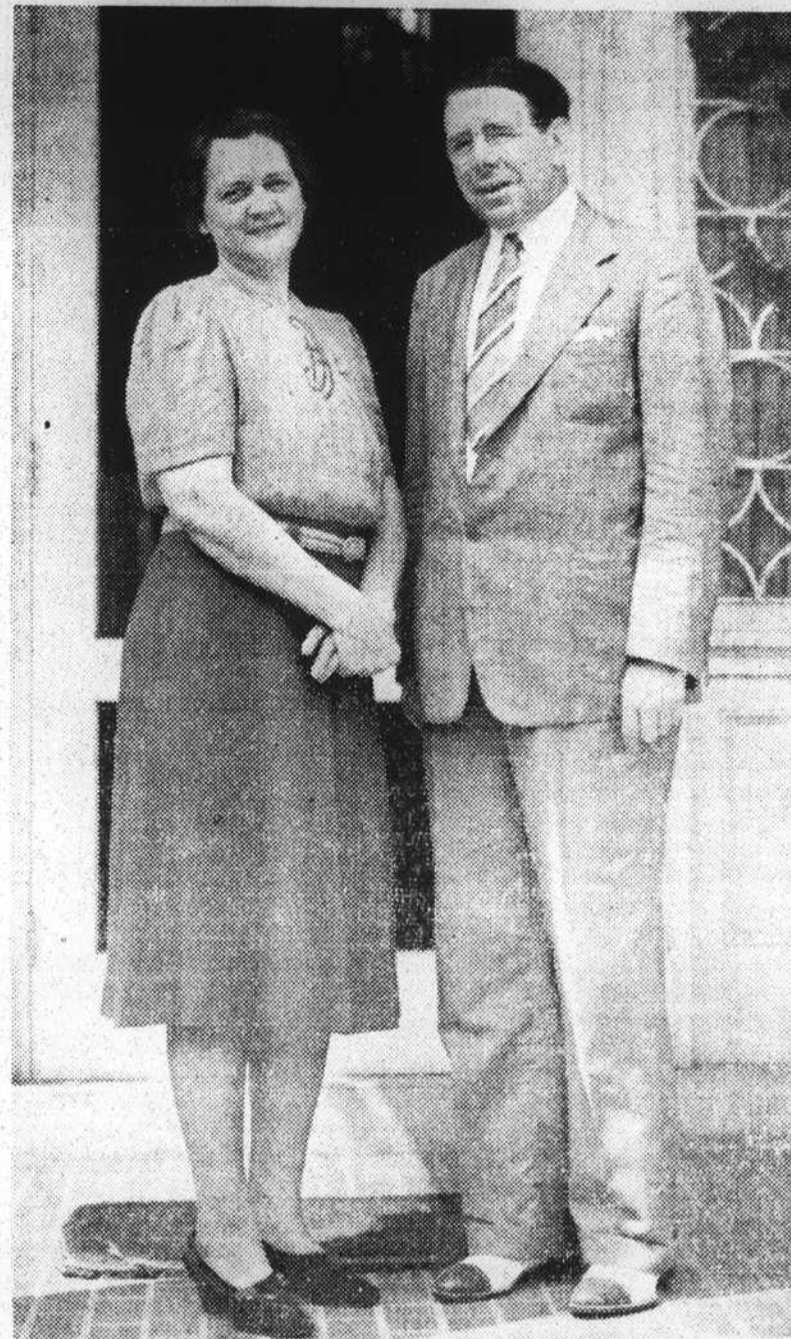
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### Governor Nominate and Mrs. Broughton



J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for Governor, and Mrs. Broughton are shown in this recent photograph on the porch of their home in Raleigh. Since the Democratic nomination amounts to election, Mr. and Mrs. Broughton and their four children, Alice 20; Melville, Jr., 18; Bobby 15, and Woodson, 12, will transfer their residence to the Governor's Mansion in January.

A native of Raleigh, whose ancestors have been natives of Wake County for several generations, is the first genuine, blow-in-the-bottle, home town boy to make good an ambition to be North Carolina's head man. Which is one way of saying that Joseph Melville Broughton, about fifty-two, his wife, and the four young Broughtons, will move around the first of next year from their present home at 929 Holt Drive to 210 North Blount Street. Two ten Blount, a number found only in the city directory, is the location of the Governor's mansion.

No family name is better known in this county than Broughton. It has long been prominent here. It has been prominent before in the affairs of State and has, through the distinguished Dr. Len G. Broughton, gained even an international flavor. This widely known member of the family preached in Raleigh and served pastorates in large churches in Atlanta, Ga., and London, Eng.

Father of the Governor nominee, who bore the same name, was one of the pioneers in the Capital City. An uncle, Needham B. Broughton, after whom one of Raleigh's fine high schools was named, was the first to be politically active. He served in the Senate as a member from Wake County.

With the new Governor will go another Raleigh native, the former Alice Willson, and one doesn't need to be in her presence long to share Raleigh's confidence that she will grace the Mansion and discharge the social obligations of the First Lady of the State as beautifully as his partisans believe her husband will ably and faithfully execute the responsibilities of his office.

Mrs. Broughton is the daughter of the late W. W. Willson, who was for many years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina. Hundreds of men who served in the General Assembly two decades or so ago will never forget him. His was a stentorian voice that intoned alike the success and the defeat of much of the legislation proposed during his long service as reading clerk of the House of Representatives.

The four children are Alice, 20; Melville, 19; Bobbie, 15, and Woodson, 9. Woodson is the only one to show a marked tendency to go into trade. Not long ago he opened up a soft drink stand near the Broughton home but, dissatisfied with the progress on a stationary basis, switched to a portable establishment and since then has reported business progressing about as well as Roger Babson could hope for.

### Rex Cox, formerly of Alleghany, moves on

—to a position on the police force of the American Viscose Corporation of Roanoke on June 18th. He joined the Galax police force on June 27, 1937 and has served faithfully. Now he resigns to take what he considers a better job in Roanoke. His father is J. F. Cox of Furches.

### Miss Frances Turner is teaching a Study Course

—at the various Woman's Missionary Unions in the Baptist Churches of the Alleghany Association. She is a graduate of the Training School of Louisville, Ky. She is meeting the young people also, and delivering inspirational addresses.

### Lightning has killed several cattle recently

—in the electrical storms that have come up so suddenly and frequently. Elder Wiley Combs, of Whitehead, lost two choice young cows on Friday when lightning struck them as they grazed a few steps away from two locust trees.

It is reported that Welter Waddell also lost two cows the same way.

### The benefit dance Saturday night at the gymnasium

—promises to be a big success, as it is for the proposed new Community House, being sponsored by the Sparta Woman's Club. Music will be furnished by Wilmer Hester and his orchestra and the affair will begin at 10 o'clock. Tickets at the door will be \$1.25 for each couple, but if purchased before Saturday night, from some member of the Woman's Club, they are \$1.00 for each couple.

### Honored



### Miss Harriet Elliott appointed by Pres. Roosevelt

—to the seven-member National Defense Commission, pioneered in the field of regional institutes of government, like the first National Institute of Government which brought 5,000 Democratic women to Washington the first week in May.

Miss Elliott's assignment from President Roosevelt is safe-guarding consumer's interests in the National Defense program.

Miss Elliott recently spent six months away from her beloved Woman's College, University of North Carolina, where she teaches political science and is dean of women, launching a successful new plan in political education and activity for women. In 1935 she conducted Institutes for Democratic women in fifteen states, as director of the educational program of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee.

It is said of Miss Elliott that she is peculiarly fitted for this difficult work. She has the detachment of a scientist in fact gathering, and the courage to act, without fear, on established facts. And yet she is the lay-member of the commission, who represents people as individuals in a democracy. Miss Elliott works at making democracy work.

She was North Carolina's alternate member of the platform committee of the 1936 Convention in Philadelphia and also attended the 1932 Convention as delegate at large from her state. She is not a delegate to the 1940 Democratic Convention. "Other work to do," she explains.

present and rendered excellent music for the occasion.

The committee on arrangements re-elected J. A. Gilliam, of Hays, chairman, and Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Ronda, secretary. The next meeting will be held at Bethel Church, near Ronda, N. C., the second Sunday in June 1941.

### Two Sparta girls received degrees on Monday

—from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, at the annual commencement exercises. They are among the 428 seniors who received degrees from the school this year.

Miss Faye Virginia Joines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Joines, received the degree of A. B. in English. A transfer from Mars Hill Junior College, she has been a member of the Dikean society, the Education club and the Young Democrats club.

Miss Florence Johnston Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Warren, received her B. S. degree in Secretarial Administration, and she has been a member of the Dikean society.

### Red Cross Relief Fund now amounts to one-third

—the goal or quota assigned to Alleghany County. Since the original call for ten million dollars, in which our county goal was \$200, the demands upon the Red Cross have increased so that they have doubled the quotas assigned to each chapter. Thus Alleghany's share has increased to \$400. As the Red Cross treasurer, Alton Thompson, reports \$145. Already deposited, it appears that \$255 is the amount needed.

The plan is to appeal to every organization in the county to assume a share of this needed amount and gather it in their community or circle. Thus the task can be accomplished soon.

Probably it is not known generally that during our own Mississippi Flood disaster in 1936, when the Red Cross appealed so loudly for funds, a group of children in Finland heard of our distress and gathered \$200 to send to our relief. Now the tables are turned, and women and innocent children in Europe are suffering beyond what we can even imagine. Alleghany County has been blessed, and will not fail in its response to this appeal.

## FLAG DAY



### The American's Creed

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

William Tyler Page.

The pledge to the American flag, as given by thousands of school children daily, is, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The flag should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset unless otherwise officially ordered.

The American flag should never be allowed to touch the ground, and it should not be mutilated or abused in any way.