



Washington, D. C.—The determined attempt of the Hitler regime to extirpate every element and ideal of Christianity from the lives of Germans is of the utmost importance to Christians throughout the world. Obscured, perhaps, by the dramatic turn of events of the last few months remains the fact that for the second time in this century a powerful government is bent upon annihilating the very foundations of the Christian Church, substituting a neo-paganism for the Christian way of life, and inculcating in the youth of Germany a deliberate mockery of the religion of Jesus.

Nazism is a movement of world-wide revolution. Its aim is not only the Nazification of Germany, but the subjugation of the entire world. The attack upon Christianity in Germany, therefore, is but the prelude to an assault upon organized Christianity everywhere. The nationalization of the Christian Church in Germany is no mere series of internal ecclesiastical adjustments, no mere schism within the Church, nor persecution of one sect by another because of theological differences. It is a twentieth century, revolutionary paganism, devised for the purpose of supplanting every vestige of the Christian way of life. An integral part of the National Socialist creed—it is similarly world-wide in its scope. Both Hitler and Mussolini mean to spread their doctrines of hate and anti-Christianity to the Western Hemisphere. Uncle Sam, however, knows now that he has Nazi traitors and sabotage experts in this country; is fully cognizant of the danger, has his eyes wide open and will meet it in time—fit and ready!

From London come reports that Germany's food situation is worse than it was ever expected to be and that Europe is facing a major famine. As viewed by experts here, the situation that will confront Europe this winter may be so serious that an appeal from the belligerents for help to feed starving millions is expected. Winter and spring floods in Europe—plus a shortage of man power as the result of the war, have combined to produce a serious famine in crops—even in countries as yet untouched by war.

Germany and all the countries she has raped and conquered will face all four horsemen of the Apocalypse—and plague is the inevitable concomitant of famine in modern times. The British, too, realize that this horror may creep over them, unless help comes from America.

The President's intention to recommend legislation calling for universal government training is gaining wide support throughout the country. Boys and girls of a given age, without distinction of social status, would spend one year in government training service. The proposal is not restricted to the military phase, but is all inclusive for general service in society. It would embrace a large variety of skills in behind-the-lines services for boys and hospital training and nursing for girls. With the swastika flying from the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Democracy, if it is to survive, may have to adopt some of the dictator's methods in order to meet the showdown—should it ever come.

Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Well, somebody is going to walk away from Belk's Saturday afternoon with a mighty nice set of aluminum ware, which should be a joy to any housewife. We almost envy them.

And several people are going to drive off in a better car, a later car, or a new car, if they look over the remarkable offers on our back page this week, and then act. Surely Mr. Castevens has gone the limit in his effort to help everybody to a better car. And a lot of folks will take him up on it.

We're not now trying to sell anybody's goods, but those who want a fine weekly summary of national and international affairs will find in The Pathfinder a very comprehensive and understandable description of what is going on. Since that paper changed hands some months ago it has improved, and Mr. Hurja is making it an important weekly. It is our pleasure to recommend it.

Our world...

Republican Convention Keynote

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, June 24.—Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota's 33-year-old governor, called on his fellow Republicans in a keynote speech to the delegates in Philadelphia to supplant what he termed a seven-year record of Democratic failure with advancement along four lines—1. National preparedness. 2. Fifth column defense. 3. Domestic economic welfare, and 4. Government effectiveness and integrity.

Germany Boasts "Most Glorious Victory"

Bordeaux, France, June 24.—Vanquished France officially laid down arms today, victim of German military might, abetted by Italy. While Hitler called for a ten-day period of celebration of "the most glorious victory of all times," France issued a decree for a "national day of mourning," Tuesday, throughout the country. The conclusion of the fighting with France at 6:35 p. m. E. S. T. Monday, left the German and Italian armed forces shouting "On to England."

Japan "Very Busy" In The Orient

Tokyo, June 26.—Japan is actively fastening her grip on rich French possessions in the far east, especially Indo-China. Japanese troops and warships are showing much activity without disclosing their definite objectives. The idea is strong that Japan will declare a "protectorate" over Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies as soon as she can "talk it over" with Germany and Italy.

Russia and Rumania Clash

Budapest, Hungary, June 24.—Foreign military and diplomatic quarters were informed from Bucharest that Rumania and Russian troops have clashed at several points along the Dneister river frontier. Besarabia, the Rumanian province behind the Dneister, for many years a Russian territory, voted itself, through representatives, a part of Rumania after the World War. Russia has never recognized the validity of the transfer.

American Legion State Convention

High Point, N. C., June 25.—Speakers at the State Convention of the North Carolina department of the American Legion yesterday urged that America, now facing a most critical hour in American history, think clearly, act rapidly, and avoid hysteria in building up an adequate defense. The convention opened its 22nd annual convention on June 24.

Opening The Door To CCC Camps

Raleigh, N. C., June 25.—T. L. Grier, state CCC selection supervisor, notified all county welfare departments today that any unemployed youth will be eligible for admittance to the CCC camps under the new regulations, and that the approximate two-thirds of the boys' salary formerly required to be sent to the boys' parents, can now be credited to his account if the family is not in need.

Governor Hoey Gets It Said

High Point, N. C., June 25.—A large American Legion crowd in convention here cheered most enthusiastically today when Governor Hoey declared that the width of the Atlantic ocean does not justify us in a policy of isolation, and that promises from abroad are worth little, since "Hitler is the biggest liar in all history."

France Robbed Of All Independence

London, June 23.—France must submit to military occupation of more than half her continental territory by German troops and turn over all her fleet and arms to German quartermasters, it was disclosed today by the British government which said these armistice terms robbed the French of all independence. Diminished by the prospect, the British government repudiated the French government of Marshal Petain at Bordeaux and announced that it would deal with a French national committee formed in London.

The news around Sparta is that improvements are going on all along the line. First, the Transou Building is having a new coat of metal put on its south side, toward Dr. Leff Choate's. Second, the Alleghany Motor Co. building is approaching completion and Duke Bledsoe is now moving in. The same can be said for Greenland Cafe, where there will be installed some pool tables and bowling alleys, beside the cats and drinks.

Further, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are already living in their new house, under their own roof. Omer Edwards' house burned to the ground on June 4, and now it is up again, ready for a roof, and soon to be a dwelling once more. A new cement pavement in front of Judy Wombles' Service Station, and a wider driveway are indeed improvements. And Sparta Garage is to have new cement work in the roadway in front of them.

The Woman's Club, it is reported, made about \$60 on their dance a week ago, for their fund for the Community House. And now they are selling the proverbial "hot cakes" which lead to some easy chairs.

We're not suggesting any poll of the county on the mater, but really, is Sally Bledsoe prettier as a blonde, or as a brunette, as she has been since last Friday night? Which?

One of the thriving businesses of Sparta just now is Mr. Catron's hickory handle industry at Porter's Mill. He takes loads and loads of hickory timber and saws it into proper shapes and lengths to be shipped to Marion, Va. to be made into the finished product

as axe handles, pick handles, and such. Tennis is in vogue again, and should be even more popular than it is. We understand that Byron Stuart's game is hard to beat. More power to the tennis fans.

That next Green Gables dance should be a popular one, with Fourth of July at hand, and prizes offered for the smoothest, the dizziest and the dresstiest couples. Yo ho.

The Red Cross has speeded its operations

—overseas in striving to meet the mounting needs for war relief supplies caused by the new tidal waves of refugees fleeing from the widening theatre of war. A total of \$7,500,000 in war relief money and supplies has already been expended or committed, Chairman Norman H. Davis announced. Approximately \$2,000,000 worth of supplies are being purchased now to be shipped on the next two "mercy ships" leaving from New York. Simultaneously the production of surgical dressings and garments by women volunteers in the 3,700 Red Cross Chapters is being pushed vigorously in answer to urgent pleas for this type of supplies. More than 350,000 women are engaged in this activity at the present time, with the number of volunteers increasing daily throughout the country.

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"God Bless America"

During these days of warfare and strife, the stirring words of Kate Smith's own song, "God Bless America," take on a new and important meaning for Americans. The anniversary of our Declaration of Independence finds Miss Smith again singing this great patriotic song, which was written for her especially by Irving Berlin. Here she is against a background of historic American flags from the American Jubilee at the World's Fair. The flag on the right is a replica of our first national emblem with 13 stars. The center flag was used by the cavalry troops of "Teddy" Roosevelt during the Spanish American War. On the left is the 48-star flag flown just before the turn of the century.

God Bless America!

While the storm clouds gather
Far across the sea,
Let us pledge allegiance
To a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful
For a land so fair,
As we raise our voices
In this solemn prayer,—
God bless America!
Land that I love!
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairie,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home—
God bless America,
My home, sweet home!

—Irving Berlin.

Don C. Shores was host to 91 business men

—of Sparta Friday night at the Prison Camp when he entertained the business and professional men with a grand fish fry supper.

Besides the local business men there were present several highway officials and employees, including Mr. T. A. Leeper, the Elkin District Engineer, who gave a short talk. Of course, fitting to the occasion was a brief address by Governor Doughton, then a few pertinent remarks by Mr. George Cheek and by Rev. Mr. Strader. The fried fish was the chief item for the rest of a very enjoyable time.

Echoes Of Unemployment

She had worked as a wrapper for a candy company, in a peanut sandwich plant, and as saleslady in a specialty shop. Asked if she would be willing to accept industrial work again, the applicant replied: "Well, honey, not at a candy place. You see, I nibble so much of the candy as I wrap that it doesn't agree with me, and I'm afraid my health wouldn't stand my working there again."

A yard worker of many years' experience was discussing the subject of flowers and gardening in an eastern office. "No matter if the weather is cold or hot," he explained, "to have things grow right you've got to mellowize the ground."

An aged Negro, bearing a card from the County Welfare indicating that some surplus commodities were due him, called on an itinerant interviewer. He had come to the Employment Service to find out what kind of job "surplus commodities" was, and to learn where he was to report for work.

—N. C. Employment News

Fourth Baptist Sunday School convention to open

—next Sunday, June 30th, at Pine Fork Church. The program will be varied by talks, reports, music and addresses. Speakers will be Rev. A. F. Absher and Rev. V. W. Sears and others from out of the county. All Sunday School Superintendents will be expected to give brief reports.

Attendance Record will be taken and a large delegation from each Sunday School is desired. New River Church organized a Sunday School this summer and is expected to send representatives.

The meeting will open at 10 a. m. and picnic lunch will be served by the hostess church.

Summer Conference of the Senior Young People

—of Winston-Salem Presbytery will be held at the Glade Valley High School July 1st to 6th. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, North Wilkesboro, director.

Counselors for girls are Miss Jane McIver, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Frances Mackay, of Richmond, Va.

Counselor for boys is W. C. Cooper, Mocksville.

Two Bible courses will be taught by Rev. W. C. Cooper, pastor of Mocksville Presbyterian Church and Rev. C. D. Hutton, pastor of Reynolda Presbyterian Church. Young People's work will be taught by Rev. S. S. Wiley, Thomasville Presbyterian Church. Personal Religious Living will be taught by Dr. J. O. Mann, Regional Director of North Carolina Synod, and Evangelism by Rev. P. J. Garrison, pastor of Lee Memorial Church, Winston-Salem.

Vesper services will be led by Rev. E. N. Caldwell, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

Consecration service will be conducted by Rev. Hugh C. Hamilton, First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem.

Recreational Guide will be Miss Louise McLeod, Richmond, Va., the Trained Nurse, Mrs. Page Thompson, Glade Valley, and Dining Room Matron, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Matron of the Glade Valley School.

Each church in the presbytery is entitled to send two delegates for each one hundred members, and seventy or eighty delegates are expected to attend.

Make July Fourth a "holiday instead of a horror day"

—is the plea to the people of North Carolina made by Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division. Pointing out that nine people were killed on North Carolina streets and highways over the Fourth of July to stage a pamboree of carelessness. This mass slaughter on Independence Day can be stopped if every one of us uses caution and common sense. The things that cause these tragedies are things we can control—haste, selfishness, thoughtlessness, the desire to show off. I call upon the people of North Carolina to join in a new Declaration of Independence—Independence from annual tribute of many lives needlessly sacrificed.

"Life is cheap today on the battlefield of Europe, but it is still precious in North Carolina. To all who next week plan holiday trips to the mountains, to the beaches or elsewhere, the Highway Safety Division addresses this earnest plea: Put safety first on the Fourth."

aid work to 300,000 youths since beginning of the program.

Road and bridge construction, telephone line construction and repair, shortwave radio operation and photography all will now be available to unemployed youths with no work experience to fit them for a job later in life.

Grier quoted Senator James F. Byrnes as saying that in event of national emergency necessitating a general draft, youths with mechanical and cooking experience in the CCC might, as the result of such training, be assigned to non-combatant activities rather than to combat work in uniform.

Mrs. R. L. Berry visited relatives and friends in Pilot Mountain and Mt. Airy last week and attended the Cockerham-Gehring wedding in Mt. Airy Saturday afternoon.

Alleghany Fair will be held September 27-28

—this year, and Mr. Black, the County Agent, asks that folks begin now to work and save toward bringing together at that time the finest specimens the county can produce.

The premium list is being made up, and there will be prizes for all—products from the field, the orchard, the barn, the dairy, the kitchen, and the flower garden.

Mr. Black hopes the farmers will begin now to save bundles of at least four inches diameter of oats, wheat, rye, barley, grasses, and legumes; also clover, timothy, red top; and all the fine things Alleghany produces.

An auto crash and 15 stitches by Dr. Thompson

—was the Monday news from the Parkway and Sparta. Robert Freeman, son of Attorney Freeman, of Dobson, was driving along the Parkway with Roger Poole, of Galax, in Poole's car. They rounded a curve and came upon two highway trucks engaged in road repairs. Apparently it was a question of going into the ditch or into the trucks, and they chose the latter. Freeman was not hurt seriously, but Poole suffered many lacerations of head and arms as he was thrown through the windshield. Dr. Thompson did considerable sewing and patching up.

Roaring Gap Children's Hospital opened June 15

—under the sponsorship of Mrs. James A. Gray, of Winston-Salem, thus beginning the 12th year of service to this and surrounding counties. Although all cases are accepted in this hospital, parents who are able to pay for services rendered are expected to do so. The age limit for patients is twelve years.

Dr. Leroy Butler, pediatrician of Winston-Salem, is the medical director, with David W. Martin, of Duke University, and Duke Hospital, serving as resident physician.

Miss Mary Murphy has been Superintendent for eight years and will continue again this year. With her are five graduate nurses, four from Winston-Salem, and one, Minnie Fawlk, from Scottville, N. C.

On Saturday, June 29, from 2 to 4 o'clock, the first free clinic for children will be held. Drs. Butler and Martin will be in charge.

These clinics will be held every Saturday from 2 to 4 during the summer months, and no charge is made for examinations at these hours. Parents taking children to the hospital for medical care at any time other than these hours will be expected to pay the regular prices.

Those wishing to register for the tonsil clinic should see Mrs. V. A. Greene at the Health Dept. in the Sparta Court House. The date for this will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bevins and family, of Galax, spent the week-end in Sparta with relatives.

Carol Richardson from Whitehead is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cheek.

