



Washington, D. C.—Top ranking officials here are of the opinion that the conquest of France and the threatened defeat of Britain give Hitler the stepping stones that he requires in his plans for dealing with the United States. Those plans are believed to be known here. They do not include an immediate invasion of this country with military, naval or air forces.

The first attack upon this hemisphere is to be economic. It is designed either to soften the nation by creating racial dissension for subsequent military action, or to create a situation that would lull this country into a false feeling of security and in cooperation with Japan obtain the Dutch East Indies and British Malay States, control their vital supplies of rubber and tin and use them to milk the United States by kiting prices.

It may be well for Hitler, however, to recall a bit of astounding history: The U. S. entered the World War in 1917 with 55 planes, but ended it with 22,000. In other words, 22 years ago, we did in 18 months twice as much in aviation as Hitler did in the last six years. And our industries then were not geared to mass production as they are today.

Fourth of July speeches ring with the proud declaration that while we are a "young" nation, we are the greatest nation on earth. But in the enthusiasm of the orators to emphasize our youth, they usually overlook the fact that next to England, we are the oldest government on earth.

We have maintained our form of government throughout our history in spite of the fact that we have it within our power to change it any time we may wish to do so. There is no firing squad, no concentration camp, no police force of any kind which may prevent us from doing so if we follow the orderly procedure which our Constitution had laid down. There is absolutely no need for the use of violence. All we need to do is to have the citizens of the United States declare their wishes through the ballot box. But—instead of trying to find some other form of government we are today more firmly resolved than we ever were to maintain its present form.

Meanwhile, the changes in the forms of government in countries overseas have been kaleidoscopic. In nearly every case they have taken place as the result of wars or revolutions. Since the United States was born 150 years ago, practically every nation in the world has gone through one or more changes. The world is today in the midst of a "total war" which will bring other changes, the nature of which no man can prophecy. Those who are agitating for Communism, Fascism, Nazism, and other forms of government, should borrow instead from our philosophy of government which, in the face of modern problems in a modern world, has stood the test of a century and a half. Then the world would see arising out of the present turmoil in Europe, the miracle of a "United States of Europe," comparable to our own country in its form of government.

Snap Shots and Sun Spots

One hundred and three score and four years ago today our forefathers had the moral courage to declare themselves and pledge themselves and all they had for a cause. We are not now in any great conflict, but we are in a time when it is well to consider just how deeply we feel about the vital principles on which our nation stands. Is personal comfort or politics more dear to us than a principle?

With the resumption of NYA work the government is requiring an oath of allegiance from each employee. And some hesitate to sign it, while others refuse. The cause may be ignorance or misunderstanding or un-Americanism. We can be patient with the two former, but there is little excuse for the latter.

Well, with a Methodist Bible School next week and a Presbyterian Bible School the following week the study of the Bible should be stimulated, and good accomplished. Bible study does not tend toward anything but good.

Our world...

Trouble in Southeastern Europe

Bucharest, Rumania, July 3.—Anti-Semitic rioting with Jews shot down and beaten, swept in a bloody wave throughout old Rumania—harassed from within, shorn of two provinces, and threatened with Balkan war jeopardizing two more. Street fighting broke out less than 24 hours after King Carol turned about from British alliances and appealed to the axis powers for help to save his kingdom.

An Uneasy King

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, July 3.—King Carol of Rumania was reported in diplomatic circles here tonight to have told members of his cabinet that he was planning to abdicate because of the developments of the last few days but they were said to have persuaded him to remain on the throne. Previously King Carol had received a note of protest signed by leaders of now-outlawed parties and other leaders who blamed the king for the loss of Bessarabia and northern Bucovina to Soviet Russia.

Bitter Words Over Transylvania

Budapest, Hungary, July 2.—Hungarian and Rumanian officials exchanged bitter words over Transylvania tonight, and Hungary gave every sign of determination to regain that old Magyar province in one way or another. Mobilization went full ahead, notwithstanding Germany's increasingly urgent efforts to keep peace in the Balkans lest her own economic interest be smashed. To avoid a conflict, it was believed Germany might go so far as to make a definite military and political alliance with Rumania. German activity was described authoritatively as involving "the strongest pressure."

British and Germans Exchange Bombs

London, July 3.—British planes heavily bomb German battleship Scharnhorst in attack on Kiel naval base, air ministry reports; German bombs cause at least 135 casualties in northeast England towns in daylight raids; conservative parliament member tells commons it is United States' duty to send fleet to remove British women and children.

Germany Boasts of Her Might

Berlin, July 2.—Germany reckoned her total casualties in the western offensive which crushed the lowlands and France at 156,492 tonight in a report on "the greatest military victory of all times." General Charles de Gaulle, the die-hard French leader in London, figures allied dead, wounded and missing up to the final surrender at 1,318,000.

Wisconsin Checks up on Loyalty

Madison, Wis., July 2.—Governor Heil today announced a drive to "get the reds out" of the University of Wisconsin. The governor said he would call on the board of regents to have every student at the University express his belief or disbelief in "Americanism and American principles." "We are going to ask all students whether or not they believe in our democracy," the governor said. "We have got to get the reds out. If other schools don't want them, we don't either."

On the Democratic Front

John L. Lewis endorsed Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, for President yesterday while the senator himself said definitely that his name would be placed in nomination at the Democratic convention regardless of whether President Roosevelt ran. Lewis, addressing the national convention of the Townsend pension plan in St. Louis, said that Wheeler was the only Democrat who could defeat Willkie. Wheeler was in the same city as the C. I. O. president to address a "stay-out-of-war" meeting. He declined to say whether he would support Mr. Roosevelt if nominated, pending "assurance" that the Democratic platform and candidate would not "get us into war."

The sign painter did us some good turns last week when he renewed Delp's lettering in the front windows and brightened up Robert Joines' Allegheny Beauty Shop signs as well as the Shoe Shop sign. There's more work to do and we hope he keeps his brushes fresh.

Duke Bledsoe doesn't think so much of the name Greenland Cafe, because with bowling alleys and pool tables he wants the place to shine as a Recreation Center. And that's a good idea, too, for Sparta needs more in the line of recreation for young people.

This week we're introducing a new comic, "Nappy", which we trust will be found interesting. The response to our questionnaire, Help Wanted, has been pleasing, and it has helped us a lot. After all it's an easy way to get your subscription extended a month. The blank was in last week's paper. Use it if you will.

You know how impossible it is for anyone to put another's hat on for him satisfactorily. Well, it is very apparent from the particular tilt of Duward Rector's hat that he himself is the only person in the world who can cock it at that exact angle. It has a positively aristocratic tilt.

There goes Walter Osborn in new Plymouth—just as we are beginning to become accustomed to Dr. Bert's pearl gray Plymouth. And was that Robert Joines in the new Dodge? Surely!

The aluminum ware set at Belk's was a beauty, and went off to Independence. So Bill Chester is giving us another chance on another set, a week from this Saturday. Lucky winner!

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Independence Day, In Europe!



Census figures show Alleghany has grown

—by 1162 in the past ten years and now has a total population of 8348 farms, and a total of 1697 farms. The population by townships is as follows:

Cherry Lane.....	1095
Cranberry.....	543
Gap Civil.....	2489
Glade Creek.....	1552
Piney Creek.....	1009
Prather's Creek.....	1047
Whitehead.....	613

Sparta town, which is included in Gap Civil township, is credited with 652 population.

"Mobilized for Mercy" will be shown

—at the Spartan Theatre on Thursday, July 11, by courtesy of The American Red Cross and Mr. Ben Reeves. As its title implies, it tells the thrilling story of the work which the American Red Cross is doing in these dramatic times on many fronts, in war and peace. It is a story written by headlines with a cast assembled by disaster.

Seldom in the history of the world have man and nature conspired so disastrously and taken such a toll of human suffering as in the months just past. This epic motion picture is a thrill packed celluloid document of triumph over suffering and disaster. It tells a graphic story of intense interest to everyone.

Colorado guests were honored Sunday

—at the home of Mrs. Florence Cox on Route 2, Sparta, by the gathering of more than a hundred relatives and friends. Those so honored were Mrs. Hattie Lawson, sister-in-law of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Lawson's sister, Miss Ruby Adams, Sr., their niece, Miss

Mrs. Barlow, of Independence, was lucky

—when she won the fine twelve-piece aluminum set at Belk's Store last Saturday. And it shows that people from away are learning that Sparta is growing as a good shopping place. Mr. Chester, the manager of Belk's, considers the aluminum set was such a success that he is offering another set to be given away July 13th.

A Civil Service examination for laborers

—is announced for the position of Classified Laborer (Highway Construction and Maintenance) for filling vacancies in the Public Roads Administration, the usual entrance salary being \$30 an hour when actually employed.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Secretary, Public Roads Administration, 1523 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., not later than July 18, 1940.

Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on their training and experience.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Postmaster, Sparta, North Carolina.

NYA projects will be resumed on Monday

July 8, according to word just received from Lee Woodruff, supervisor. This will not be a resumption of all projects, but some of the more important ones. And each employee is now required to sign an oath of allegiance to the United States Constitution. No true American need hesitate a minute in signing such an oath. And those who do not believe in our American form of government should never sign it.

Daily Bible School all next week

—at the Sparta Methodist Church beginning each day at 10 o'clock, to be followed at 11 o'clock by a preaching service conducted by Rev. F. W. Kiker, of Olivet Church near Concord. Teachers at the Bible School will be Mrs. Gambill, Wanda Choate, and Mrs. Harry Vaughan, under the direction of Rev. L. F. Strader.

The song services will be conducted by Rev. T. A. Plyler, who will also have charge of the young people's meeting at 7:15 each evening. Then at 7:45 each evening there will be preaching service by Rev. Kiker.

Troy Irwin's Barber Shop will celebrate

—its 15th anniversary this month, on the 25th. Fifteen years of serving the public is a fine record. Then Sparta was smaller than it is now. There was only a narrow paved highway, a few dim electric lights, no telephone and no town water supply. The Star had been discontinued, and The Alleghany Times was two months old. Mr. Irwin was burned out in March 1927 and again in February 1933, and has gone through several depressions. But today he's still in business, and hopeful for the future.

A Daily Vacation Bible School will begin

—July 15 at the Presbyterian Church under Mrs. Frances McKay and Miss Louise McLeod, to continue for two weeks. There will be preaching service each night during the time. Further announcement will be made next week.

Wendell Willkie was the choice of Republicans

—at their national convention in Philadelphia, when on Thursday night, a few minutes past midnight, they nominated him as their candidate for the presidency of the United States, on the sixth ballot. After naming the New York man, the convention recessed at 1:50 a. m. (EST) Friday until 1 p. m., when balloting on a vice presidential candidate was to begin.

Without any appreciable delay after convening Friday afternoon, Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, Republican floor leader in the United States Senate, was nominated for the vice presidency. McNary, the lean veteran senator from Oregon, whom nearly everyone about the capitol in Washington calls "Charley" or "Mac," was Willkie's choice for the vice-presidential nomination, and that was enough for the crowd.

The Indiana-born utilities executive, who has fought the New Deal up hill and down dale for years, surged into the convention with 105 votes on the first ballot, gained by big jumps on each succeeding roll call until the nomination was his.

Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., July 1.—A number of people attended the play, "Lamb's of His Fold," given by the children of Mt. Zion Sunday School Sunday morning. Immediately after Sunday School, a collection was taken for the orphanage. Apparently the service was enjoyed by all.

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. Lila Sheets last Monday from this community were Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Billings, John Grubb and three children, Mary Lou, Bonnie and Johnnie, Mrs. Sallie Absher, Mrs. Emma Absher, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, J. T. Landreth, Mrs. J. F. Shepherd, Mrs. Mattie Smith and daughter, Edna Rae Georgia Cox, Frank Perry, Mrs. W. G. Williams and daughter, Wilma, and Mrs. Barnett Reeves.

A home demonstration meeting was held by Mrs. W. R. Francis, of West Jefferson, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Billings recently. Mrs. Francis explained the modern method of canning and preserving.

Mrs. Cleo McMillan has returned from the Wilkesboro Hospital. She is recovering nicely, and is spending some time with her brother, Rev. R. L. Billings.

Miss Louise Perry, one of our community girls, had the honor of winning a prize on a recipe sent to The Skyland Post contest recently.

Mrs. Sarah Weaver spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Smith Evans, near Sparta.

W. R. Jones, of West Jefferson, was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shepherd last Wednesday. In the afternoon he visited Mrs. Mary Cox and S. E. Smith.

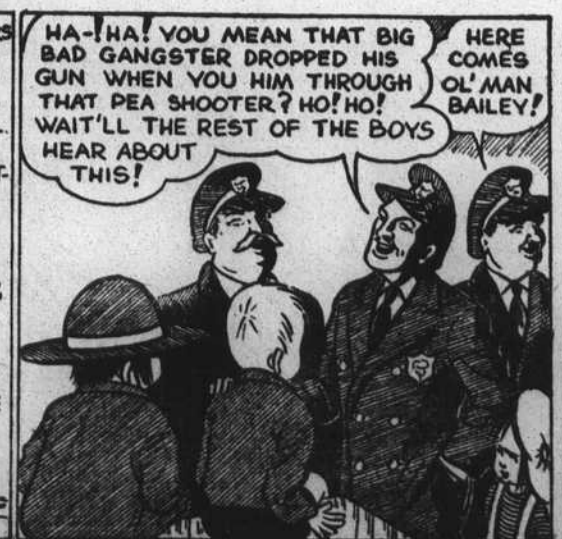
Misses Virgie Williams and Hazel VanDyke, of Peden, visited Georgia Cox Saturday morning, and were dinner guests of Mrs. S. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williamson and son, of Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Black and children, of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moxley and daughter Lorene, of Topia, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black Sunday.

Edna Rae Smith and Dent Pugh were dinner guests in Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh's home Sunday.

NAPPY

"THE GANGSTERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL. BUT THERE IS STILL ONE DOUBTFUL ISSUE IN THE MINDS OF THE POLICE. 'WHAT HIT THE GANGSTER, SLIM, IN THE EYE?' WE NOW FIND NAPPY AND GOOBER ENLIGHTENING THE POLICE ON THAT POINT."



By Irv Tirman