



Washington, D. C.—Speaker Bankhead, Alabama's candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, has made it plain that he will permit his name to be put forward only if Roosevelt refuses a third term. "In my opinion," said the veteran statesman, "the President will be nominated by the convention at Chicago regardless of his personal inclination—and will be elected over Willkie."

Ex-Brain Trustee Rexford G. Tugwell is as certain that Mr. Roosevelt will decline to make the race. Said the professor:

"The dramatic events of the last few months in Europe have not changed the President's inclination against a third term. On the contrary, these events seem likely to make him emphasize more boldly the solid American commitment to democracy. And to do it with action—which means that he does not intend to run in 1940. I do not myself think that a third term would lead to dictatorship; but I think that something of the sort would be claimed throughout the world. And I do not think Mr. Roosevelt just now would risk such an effect."

(Your reporters, who predicted Willkie's nomination more than three months ago, regret to report that they are completely in the dark regarding the President's intentions in Chicago next week.)

"Win" Willkie, rested and refreshed after several days of "leisure," intends to jump into his presidential campaign with both feet. We spent over an hour with the Republican candidate.

Big, unassuming, and seemingly warm of heart, Willkie faced a battery of reporters and cameramen in his spacious, book-filled living room. It was a jovial, helter-skelter affair, with the lens boys imploring him to turn this or that way, strike such a pose, etc. Reporters peppered him with questions, which he answered in a calm, unruffled manner. We flung a few questions ourselves, but mostly we looked the man over, and somehow felt that here was a regular guy—the kind of fellow we are going to like working with. This is the best description we can give you of "Win" Willkie.

You should visit the Capital this summer, and here are a few facts of interest—given us by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt: A total of 1,320,300 persons visited the White House last year; 4,729 visitors stayed for either lunch, dinner or tea; 23,267 came in groups to be received; 264,060 were sightseers; the portraits of George and Martha Washington in the East Room are most popular with visitors; children prefer the room where the President exhibits the collection of gifts sent to him personally.

### Snap Shots and Sun Spots

This year is indeed an interesting one, for, what with Germany's marvelous success on land, and France now attacking her own ally, and a colorful presidential election upon us, we should not lack for something to talk about. And that reminds us, this is the year when everybody will want R. Don Laws' quips and quirks and stings and spurts in his Yellow Jacket. We have no financial interest in it, but for the sake of adding our bit to the general interest in life we're offering to send you the Yellow Jacket a year for a dime. And if you read English, and enjoy the clever use of it, you'll get far more than a dime's worth of mental stimulation. We're making up a club, so hand in your dime if you want fun.

The Woman's Club surely started something when they went to work on those chairs, for it is reported they realized about \$25 for their treasury; and George Cheek got himself a nice comfortable chair in the modern style, and the other chair went to Wanda Choate. We wish we could be sure that aluminum set at Belk's would come our way.

You better get in on that re-naming of Greenland Cafe and gather up the five dollars worth of hot dogs or pool shots for yourself. Know any good names? Something really new in Sparta, and surely there's a field for it—just west of the High School appears a new sign, "West End Tourist Home". The west end is growing.

## Our world...

### Japan Doesn't Like Us

Shanghai, July 9.—Handbills carrying the slogan "down with America" were posted in Shanghai's streets today and a Japanese warship emphasized Tokyo's attitude toward England by seizing a British ship in Shanghai's harbor.

### The Battle Of The Mediterranean

London, July 10.—British and Italian surface war fleets and war planes clashed today in the new battle of the Mediterranean, fighting fiercely for control of the vital sea routes from Gibraltar to the Suez. Three separate engagements were reported: East of Gibraltar, just below the "boot" of Italy, and near the island of Crete, in the eastern Mediterranean, south of Greece.

### A Woman With Pluck

London, July 9.—King George VI awarded the medal of the Order of the British Empire tonight to Mrs. Nora Cardwell, who with "great pluck and presence of mind" captured a German aviator who parachuted from his disabled plane into her front yard yesterday.

### A Spot To Call Our Own

London, July 9.—The Duke of Windsor, royal wanderer on the road of romance, tonight was named governor and commander-in-chief of the Bahamas, British island playgrounds off the coast of Florida. The ex-king and his American wife, the former Wallis Warfield, fled from their exile home in France to Spain, then Portugal, in advance of the Nazi tide last month.

### France Abandons Democracy

Vichy, France, July 9.—Stricken France's parliament signed the death warrant of the democratic third republic today by giving Premier Marshall Henri Philippe Petain unrestricted powers to write a new totalitarian constitution.

### Nazi Plans Against Britain

Rome, July 9.—The axis allies have chosen their respective tasks for the battle of England, it was stated authoritatively tonight. Their broad purpose was stated by the informed writer, Virginia Gayda, to be three-fold. 1. Blockade the British Isles. 2. Break Britain's empire contacts. 3. Defeat her "at home, on the sea and in imperial territories" to the extent necessary for ending the war. Italy's part in this, according to Gayda, will be to strike at Britain in Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Kenya colony and British Somaliland; to harass British shipping from the Atlantic to the Indian ocean and, above all, to immobilize a large part of the British fleet in the Mediterranean. (Although Gayda did not say so, this would seem to leave the frontal attack on England entirely to Germany).

### Willkie Scans The Situation

Washington, July 9.—Wendell Willkie left for the west for a short vacation today. Before going he scanned reports from different sections of the country. Some of these reports give Mr. Willkie a chance to carry Virginia, where Democrats, followers of Senators Byrd and Glass, are conservatively inclined. The Palmetto state, it is declared, will give Willkie perhaps 30,000 votes. Senator (Cotton Ed) Smith is on the warpath against the new deal in that state. Some of the southern senators expect Willkie to be elected, and have been frank about this in private conversation.

Sparta may be looking up religiously, what with a Methodist Bible School and services daily, and a Presbyterian Daily Vacation Bible School and service each evening, and now an electric guitar and preaching on the street three times recently, as well as a sweet-voiced lady selling us Judge Rutherford's magazine. There's more than politics in the air these days.

It's no reflection on our electric power supply company, but Sparta Service Station has installed an old hand pump for gasoline, so that when a storm puts the electric pumps out of commission we'll still be able to get a gallon of auto fuel. Good idea.

Went for a drive in the country the other day, and finally passed a humble home where the setting of the home and the flowers simply compelled us to turn around and go back—to get acquainted. And we were not disappointed, for among other pleasures we enjoyed the most delicious cherries we ever ate, and took home some flower bulbs. Where was it? You'd like to know?—Joines, W.

And that brings us to a comment by Monroe Adams of Statesville, who remarked on the very fine cherries that these mountains can and do produce; and yet, where do you see someone setting a cherry orchard, that their children may eat the fruit thereof? These days we run much to the quick crop and ready cash,—that is so soon gone.

Few weeks ago we said we were happy, and a man came in and threatened to sue us for libel!! My, my, we must be careful! Now would we dare whisper our satisfaction at having a job press installed and operating for the benefit of those needing printing? We hope there's no law against mentioning it.

Corn farmers of the United States put a little more than 800 million bushels of their 1939 crop under loan in the nation's Ever Normal Granary.

### Thomas H. King, formerly of Alleghany,

—and son-in-law of Robert Fender, now residing in Baltimore where he is associated with the Maryland chapter, Willkie-for-President Committee, was visiting in Sparta this week, both on behalf of Mr. Willkie's candidacy and to renew the acquaintance of his many friends in the county. Mr. King was particularly exuberant at the part the North Carolina delegation had played in the nomination of Wendell L. Willkie. The activities of the Willkie-for-President Committee in North Carolina commenced on June 15, at the time Thomas E. Dewey was visiting our State. At that time Mr. King visited North Carolina on behalf of the Willkie-for-President Committee opened headquarters in Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Charlotte. Approximately six thousand petitions and telegrams from North Carolinians had swamped the North Carolina delegation in Philadelphia, and undoubtedly were an impressive factor in the vote of the North Carolina Delegation for Mr. Willkie.

More tractors were sold in 1937 alone than were in use on all farms in the United States in 1920.

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### Paul Swanson moved to Sparta

—this week to conduct his law practice, to oversee the job printing department of the Star-Times Press and to work in connection with the paper.

Mr. Swanson was born in Moravian Falls, Wilkes County, and after graduating from Wilkesboro High School went to High Point College for his A. B. degree. Then he taught school a year, studied law at Duke University, and passed the State Bar Examination in 1932. He has been practicing law in Winston-Salem the past five years as well as editing The Forsyth Liberal.

Mr. Swanson has established his office in the Transou Building in the room formerly occupied by the Public Library, and his bringing to the county his job printing equipment means that Sparta once again has a plant as one of its activities, and job printing will be done in Alleghany County. When the day comes that a newspaper press is justified, the Star-Times Press will secure one.

### Alleghany voters formed a Willkie-for-Pres. club

—Tuesday when quite a representative gathering met with Hon. Monroe Adams, Statesville, Republican candidate for Congress in the 9th Congressional district, who is making a visit of counties of the entire district for the purpose of perfecting a working organization for the approaching election this fall. This work being completed for this county, the meeting proceeded to organize a "Willkie For President" Club, with John McEdwards, popular Sparta merchant, as president.

### Wendell Willkie said to the Republicans in

—Convention at Philadelphia on June 28, "as your nominee I expect to conduct a crusading, aggressive, fighting campaign to bring unity to America, to bring the unity of labor, capital and agriculture and manufacture and farmer and worker and all classes to this great cause of the preservation of freedom. "Democracy and our way of life is facing the most crucial test it has ever faced in its long history, and we meet here, not as Republicans alone, but as Americans, to dedicate ourselves to the democratic way of life in the

### Children's Day at Methodist Church

#### was a success

—and the program, under the direction of Mrs. Jay Hardin, assisted by Miss Nina Grey Liles, showed a great deal of planning and careful training.

Following the opening prayer by Rev. L. F. Strader, all the children sang "My Father's World." Then little 5-year-old Betty Mitchell gave a sweet recitation, "What the Birdie Said." Jerry Gambill, age 4, recited perfectly the Twenty-Third Psalm, after which the 10-year-old twins, Ethel and Elsie Edwards, gave a short dialogue "Children's Day for Dolls." "I Am So Glad that Jesus Loves Me" was sung by all the children in their own sweet and sincere way; then Jo Ann Phipps, 7, recited "Teaching a Lesson," and Ida Maud Black gave a nice recitation "I Am Glad." After this, five girls, Ellen Hardin, Evelyn Mitchell, Lorraine Tolbert, Lois Mitchell, and Bonnie Mac Millan showed us "The Flowers Part." Mary Alice Landreth, 12, pointed out that it was "No Use to Worry" and then seven boys, Joe MacMillan, and George Poe, George Heinz, Burton Edwards, Bobbie Black, Malcolm Gambill and Jo Allen Gambill told us of the "Part that Boys Play." Following 12 year-old Ellen Hardin's recitation "The Wee Angel", Eva Edwards and Lucille Mitchell gave a beautiful and effective pantomime "The Old Rugged Cross".

The choir of the Methodist Church offered assistance with several beautiful numbers and Joan Mead and Nina Grey Liles played "The Swan" as a violin and piano number. Rev. Strader closed the service with some very fitting remarks directed to the children and the adults.

### A recent report that passports are necessary for

—American tourists entering Cuba is untrue, according to Senor Jose Cidre, president of the National Tourist Commission of Cuba. Many American newspapers carried the inaccurate announcement. The Cuban travel office has written to the main offices of the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation in Charleston, W. Va., informing them that the report was erroneous. Sr. Cidre bases his denial on official information from the Cuban State Department. United States citizens can continue to visit Cuba under the same conditions that have prevailed in the past—neither passports nor visas are required.

### The work of the Red Cross has not diminished

—by reason of the sudden changes in Europe; and Alleghany County has not come near reaching its quota of the fund needed. Surely in this county there are a thousand people well able to give one dollar to help in relieving the dire suffering among the innocent victims of a ruthless war. Alton Thompson is the local treasurer, and he reports receiving—since our last report—a dollar each from C. G. Andrews and Jach Walsh and 50c each from Mrs. Lola White and M. H. Scott. Send in your dollar today.

United States, because here stands the last firm, untouched foothold of freedom in all the world."

### The Hamm family reunion was held at Liberty

—Baptist Church on Sunday, June 30. Officers were chosen for the coming year, a lovely picnic lunch was served at noon, and at 2:00 P. M. a religious service was held. About 150 persons gathered for the reunion from points as far away as Newcastle, Ind. and Abingdon, Va. The next Hamm reunion is scheduled for June 29, 1941, at Banner Camp, Banner, Va.

### The Old Fiddlers Convention is announced

—for August 9 and 10 in Felts Park, Galax, the seventh such annual event, and cash prizes of over \$130 are offered in seven classes, including Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle, Dulcimer, Band, Dancing and Folk Songs. The first prize in each class is \$5, except the Band, which is \$25 for first and \$5 for fifth prize.

All contestants must be registered in person or by letter by August 7 with Mrs. Bowie, 304 N. Main St., Galax. And only those who perform both nights of the Convention will be eligible for prizes. Folk songs must be sung without music.

### The annual S. S. Convention at Pine Fork

—Baptist Church chose the following officers for the ensuing year:

Superintendent, Miss Ivy Grace Doughton; Assistant Superintendent, F. W. Royal; Secretary and Treasurer, T. C. Osborne; Leaders of Departments, Adults, Eugene Shepherd; Young People, T. R. Greene; Intermediate, Mrs. C. A. Reeves; Junior, Mrs. Eugene Mitchell; Primary, Mrs. W. E. Knuckolls; Beginners, Miss Donna Jones; Cradle Roll, Mrs. R. E. Richardson.

Mrs. Tom Moxley was chosen chairman of Canning for the Orphanage. Application will be made for one hundred dozen cans as has been done for the past three years. Rev. A. F. Absher presided in the absence of the Superintendent, and T. C. Osborne acted as secretary.

Reports were given by the various Sunday Schools, which in general showed an increase in attendance. One new Sunday School reported, recently organized in New River Baptist Church. Mr. Rector is Superintendent and the school has 59 enrolled.

Address and talks were given by Rev. V. W. Sears and Rev. A. F. Absher, local pastors, Rev. E. M. Caudill, of Wytheville, Va., Rev. D. M. Edwards, of Boone, Rev. C. M. Caudill, and Rev. W. F. Doughton.

A large number of visitors were present and a delicious picnic lunch was served at the noon hour.

The 1941 meeting will be held at Mt. Carmel Church the Fifth Sunday in June.

### Lumber and Paint

—are already on hand for the repairs and painting that are to be done on Gentry Chapel at Edwards Cross Roads. And over Alleghany County generally the church buildings are kept in good condition.

In 1939, about 235,000 farmers stored 167 million bushels of wheat under loan at an average rate of 63.3 cents a bushel.

### The eye clinic for Alleghany County will be held

—Saturday, July 13, in the Health Department rooms in the Court House, Sparta. This clinic is sponsored by the State Commission for the Blind of Raleigh, and the eye specialist in charge will be Dr. Mathew Graham. Miss Ruth Penney, R. N. will be his assistant. J. B. Wynne from the South-eastern Optical Co. will fit the frames.

Many children of this county will be accommodated, thirty one already having been given appointments and certified. No charges are to be made for the examinations, but a small fee will be charged for the glasses, \$2.50—\$5.00, the amount depending on the condition of the child's eyes.

This is the only clinic of its kind ever held in this county. It will last just the one day, and Mrs. Greene, whose efforts have brought the clinic here, sincerely hopes that all will be prompt for appointments.

This opportunity, the first of its kind here, enables children, whose progress has been retarded, to see through scientific eyes, and thus make just as fast progress as their classmates.

### Daily Vacation Bible School will be held

—in the Presbyterian Church on Monday and through the week. Sessions will convene from 9:00 to 11:30 A. M. and there will be preaching service every evening at 8:00 P. M., with song service beginning at 7:45. Rev. W. C. Cooper, pastor of the Mocksville Presbyterian Church will preach. The Bible School will be under the direction of Mrs. Frances McKay, and Miss Louise McLeod, who has just served as recreational leader at the Glade Valley Conferences.

The Sunday night service of July 14 will be omitted in order that all can attend the Methodist meeting at the same time.

### Baseball League

TEAM STANDINGS	W	L	Pct
Fries Weavers	13	2	866
Fries Maroons	11	3	785
Ivanhoe	8	4	666
Austinville	10	6	625
Rural Retreat	7	7	500
Hillsville	5	8	384
Independence	6	11	352
Sparta	5	9	357
Jacksons Ferry	1	13	071

Saturday, July 6, the Fries Maroons defeated the Austinville team by a score of 9 to 8, and Ivanhoe defeated Independence 8 to 5.

### GAMES THIS WEEK

Saturday, July 13  
Hillsville at Sparta.  
Ivanhoe at Jacksons Ferry.  
Austinville at Rural Retreat.  
Galax at Independence.  
Fries Maroons vs. Fries Weavers.

### A Pioneer Camp

—is being held this week at Glade Valley for young people of the Presbyterian churches of Winston-Salem Presbytery between the ages of 12 and 14.

### NAPPY

