



Washington, D. C.—The 240 educators and professional men who have signed a declaration against compulsory training are no less eager than are the advocates of military training to do what they believe to be in the best interest of the country. What these educators seem to have overlooked, however, is the fact that we now only have a one-ocean fleet and an inadequate air force. Also that we have a hostile Japan at our back and a great many discontented and unstable republics to the south, in which German influence has already acquired a foothold.

If that picture is real—and foreign experts believe it is—it seems wholly unrealistic to insist that our volunteer system can provide sufficient personnel to man the defensive weapons Congress has voted to appropriate for our national security.

The obituary of the French Third Republic has now been written. The picture that emerges from the meager reports filtering in from France is one of a people dazed and benumbed by events they cannot yet realize. Whatever the French are not, they are infinitely resourceful and have proved in the past how quickly they can recover from any defeat. The Fascist state formed at Vichy under pressure of the swastika may prove to be purely provisional and transitional. It represents but a stopgap device to placate the conqueror.

Wendell Willkie, successful business man, showed sound political judgment by selecting Representative Joe Martin as chairman of the National Republican Committee.

We may be prejudiced since the Washington correspondents voted Mr. Martin the ablest man in Congress. Furthermore, we may be unconsciously affected by the fact that Joe Martin was a newsboy at 8, a twelve-dollar-a-week reporter at 20 and a country newspaper publisher at 24. The ex-owner of the North Attleboro Chronicle, as leader of the minority in the House, has a wide acquaintance with national key figures, and holds the respect and admiration of his own party, as well as the Democrats. Willkie has chosen a winner.

Women are in politics deeply

—and on the basis of reports it appears that there are more than twice as many women at the Democratic Convention as there were at the Republican gathering in Philadelphia, where there were 78 Republican women delegates out of an approximate total of 300 women accredited to the Convention.

In some states, including Florida and Utah, 50 per cent of the Democratic delegates are women. Utah women, in their determination to get a 50 per cent representation at the Convention over-reached their quota and actually elected 9 women out of a total of 16 delegates. Fifty per cent of Michigan's delegates-at-large are women.

North Carolina has 14 women in its delegation as opposed to 6 in 1936. Idaho, which sent 6 women delegates in 1936, sent 12 to the Chicago Convention. Nine Wyoming women are in Chicago as accredited delegates. There were only four at the 1936 gathering. Probably the largest feminine delegate contingent is from Missouri, which sent 32 women out of the total delegation of 84.

Our world...

Roosevelt Popular At Convention

Chicago, July 16.—President Roosevelt dramatically informed the Democratic national convention that he had no "desire or purpose" to be renominated, a declaration which decreased not one whit the determination of Roosevelt forces to draft him. The chief executive's message was delivered to a boisterous convention—which previously had cheered the mention of his name for a good 25 minutes.

Germany Remarkably Confident

Berlin, July 16.—Informed German quarters professed to believe tonight that Adolf Hitler's decision for a mass onslaught on Great Britain might come any time now, but there were indications it would be preceded by a "last chance" peace terms offer. Sure of victory, Nazis began erecting grandstands and loud-speakers on Berlin's famed Unter den Linden and in other German cities to welcome returning troops. They are convinced that England's fate will be sealed with the same swift success Germany had in knocking out Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France.

Japan Wants A Firmer Grip

Tokyo, July 16.—Japan moved swiftly toward more energetic action in the far east tonight. The cabinet of Premier Admiral Matsumasa Yonai, recently criticized for failing to seize the "golden opportunity" created by the fall of France and Holland, resigned en bloc, apparently to make way for a new regime.

Sparta Personals

Miss Ila Osborne of Raleigh spent the week-end here.

Mrs. D. J. Whitener and son Jack of Boone spent the week-end here.

Mrs. R. L. Berry and Robert visited relatives in Pilot Mountain a few days last week.

Marjorie Mac Millan was hostess to a group of Sparta young people at a picnic on Thursday night. Rain caused considerable rearranging of plans but the Carolina Moon in Laurel Springs provided shelter for the picnic dinner and dancing.

Clay Cox who has been vacationing for about a month at his home in Scottville returned to his work in Detroit, Mich. on Tuesday, July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins of Providence, R. I. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Wagoner.

Miss Lavinia Elliott of Greensboro is visiting Miss Josephine Inskip.

The "Lucille Ford" circle of the Sparta Baptist W. M. U. met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ciellen Richardson with Miss Shirley McMillan taking charge of the program.

The Rev. V. W. Sears gave the devotional service and those taking part were Mrs. Hugh Choate, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell and Mrs. T. Roy Burgess. After the program delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell with Miss Faye Joiner taking charge of the program.

Maple Shade

Maple Shade, July 15.—Mrs. Allen Willard and son, Johnny, and Mrs. Stella Lowe, Winston-Salem, N. C., are spending this week with Mrs. Verdie Halsey.

G. W. Kirk visited his mother, Mrs. Rosa Kirk, near Gold Hill, Sunday.

Mrs. V. B. Phipps and Mrs. N. F. Phipps spent Saturday with Miss Maxine Parsons.

Raymond Halsey, Newark, Del., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ahart Halsey.

Gid Cox, Mouth of Wilson, is spending a few days with his grandfather, C. E. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Halsey spent Sunday with Mrs. Verdie Halsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McMeans and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halsey and small daughter, all of Fox, visited Mrs. Lelia McMeans Sunday.

Talmadge Cox saw a rattlesnake Friday near his home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. DeBord and daughter, Ira, were visiting in the A. J. Halsey home Sunday.

North Carolina's miracle crop

—has developed from an insignificant place, as improved Japan Clover, to more than 1,000,000 acres of Lespedeza, since the World War. Thus, it ranks second in acreage of crops.

Since 1930 our Lespedeza acreage has grown tenfold. It is still spreading rapidly in the coastal and mountain counties. North Carolina's crop last year ranked second in seed and fourth in hay production.

The leading counties for total cultivated Lespedeza acreage are found in the southern piedmont or central part of the state. The seven leading counties in the area total more than 44,300 acres average, as compared with 34,300 acres of corn for the same counties. Thus, their chief crop is Lespedeza, even surpassing corn.

The miracle shows up in the following features. It is generally sown in grain crops, thus utilizing such land in a double capacity without extra labor or fertilizer. It is used for seed, hay, grazing, soil improving and soil erosion prevention purposes. It is easily planted and easily harvested for seed or hay, and certain varieties stand heavy grazing while reseeding itself.

The eye clinic was a success

—last Saturday when 32 children were examined by Dr. Matthew S. Brown, Optometrist, and 23 of them were fitted with glasses by J. B. Wynne. For some of the children it was recommended that diseased tonsils should be removed before getting glasses.

The clinic was sponsored by the State Commission of Raleigh and was brought to Sparta through the efforts of Mrs. Greene of the Health Department.

Baseball League TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct
Fries Weavers	15	2	882
Ivanhoe	11	4	733
Fries Maroons	11	5	687
Austinville	11	6	648
Rural Retreat	7	8	466
Hillsville	5	8	384
Galax	6	10	375
Sparta	5	9	357
Independence	6	13	315
Jacksons Ferry	2	14	125

Results of Saturday's games: Fries Weavers 7, Fries Maroons 5.

Galax 3, Independence 2.

COMING GAMES SATURDAY, JULY 20

Sparta at Independence, Ivanhoe at Galax, Hillsville at Fries Maroons, Fries Weavers at Austinville, Jacksons Ferry at R. Retreat.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Galax at Sparta, Austinville at Hillsville, Ivanhoe at Fries Weavers, Fries Maroons at J. Ferry, Independence at R. Retreat.

July Bride



MRS. WINTON C. PHIPPS

Miss Luetma Phipps, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Z. Glenn Phipps of Galax, became the bride of Winton Corlette Phipps, son of Mrs. Edgar Phipps, of Bridle Creek, in a small but impressive ceremony at the First Methodist Church of Galax, July 3, at 5 o'clock.

The Rev. W. M. Bunts officiated. Music before the ceremony included a solo, "Because" sung by Miss Emmaline Hawthorne of Sparta, N. C.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a navy sheer ensemble with white accessories, and had one attendant, Mrs. Louis A. Houff, of Clifton Forge, Virginia.

The best man was Joe Phipps of Bridle Creek, brother of the bridegroom, and Little David Painter of Independence was ring bearer.

The Methodist Bible School awarded

—36 certificates to those who had attended the three classes. Mrs. Robert Gambill's class received 14, Mrs. Harry Vaughan's class, 10, and Miss Wanda Choate's class 12.

Following the Sunday morning sermon by Rev. F. W. Kiker three persons indicated their desire to join the church and were admitted to fellowship by Rev. Mr. Strader. At the evening service one more was admitted.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR WILL USE

—a clipper plane to fly to New York from Lisbon, Portugal, enroute to the Bahamas, where the former Prince of Wales will serve as governor-general of the islands.



This view, which appeared in the Star-Times of June 6, is one of the series of six local views that have been published on post cards by the Alleghany Star-Times and are available at eight for a dime, postpaid, or 12 for 15 cents. They are on sale also at Kays' Dime Store and Smitheys in Sparta.

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Sparta's Post Office showed good increase

—in the total amount of business done in the first six months of 1940 as compared with the similar period last year. Figures announced by the postmaster, G. Glenn Nichols, yesterday, give the total amount of stamp sales and postal receipts for January to June this year as \$2,271.00, which is above last year by \$288. In the money order division the total amount of orders issued from January to June was \$14,642.00, which is above the first six months of last year by \$3,375.

"Town House" won the \$5 for Joan Mead

—in the contest to find a new name for the former Greenland Cafe, which was destroyed by fire in February. The new manager, Bill Thompson, offered five dollars for the name which would meet most nearly the ideas for the new eating place and recreation center, and many names were suggested. Miss Mead suggested some 20 names and "Town House" proved to be the winner. So today Sparta has a nice new eating place, which Bill Thompson says, is THE place to eat.

Mt. Zion Church

Decoration and Memorial service at Mt. Zion Church on Sunday, August 4th.

All those interested in Mt. Zion cemetery are asked to come and help clean up on Thursday, August 1st.

Robert Wadlow, the "tallest man in the world," died

—Monday in Manistee, Mich., where he had been seriously ill for several days with a foot infection, according to a radio dispatch at noon. Wadlow, who was eight feet, nine and one half inches tall, and weighed 491 pounds.

Outstanding



LEROY BARNES

Adjudget the outstanding junior in agriculture at State College, LeRoy Barnes, above, has been awarded the Danforth Fellowship providing two weeks of study at a St. Louis feed plant and two weeks of summer camp on the shore of Lake Michigan, during the month of August. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Barnes of Oxford, Route 5. LeRoy is a self-help student and he will be a senior in poultry science next year.

Evangelistic meetings all this week

—are being conducted at the Sparta Presbyterian Church by Rev. W. C. Cooper, of Mocksville, in connection with the Vacation Bible School being held from 9 to 11:30 each morning. Mr. Cooper's topic for Friday night is "Beating the Devil," and for Saturday night is "Grasshoppers." Next week Monday night he speaks on "The bed is too short, and the cover too narrow," and Tuesday night on "The Sit-down Strike."

Glade Creek

Glade Creek, July 15.—Mrs. Mack Johnson, who has been ill at her home for some time, passed away Friday, July 12. Funeral services were held Saturday at Glade Creek Church in the presence of a large crowd by Elders W. H. Handy, Absher and Walker.

Those visiting Mrs. J. A. Jordan Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Morene McKnight, Louise and Betty Joe Royall and "Aunt Cindy" Greear.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick McKnight visited Mrs. McKnight's sister, Mrs. Jack Wiley, Sunday.

Ray Smith, Jr., rode a bicycle from Roaring Gap to Hooker Sunday to see his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Jordan.

"Aunt Cindy" Greear was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Handy Saturday night.

The Colored Community

Mrs. Paul Wagoner and children of Gary, W. Va., who have been visiting here, returned home Monday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Faist Jackson had her thumb caught in a car door last week and it was badly crushed.

Ruben Hash and son, Clarence, returned home from W. Va. Saturday.

The West Virginia Quartet entertained a large crowd at Mt. Nebo Saturday night. They went to North Wilkesboro Sunday to sing twice and returned to Gary, W. Va. Monday morning.

England took the French fleet to protect

—the United States, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared last (Sunday) night, linking

America's defense directly with Britain's fight for life, in a radio address delivered in London. He said the British navy put the French fleet out of action because that fleet, in Adolf Hitler's hands, would have "endangered the security both of Great Britain and the United States."

"We are fighting by ourselves alone, but we are not fighting for ourselves alone," the prime minister asserted in a broadcast to the empire and to America.

As for Britain, he said in his familiar bellicose mood, "we would rather see London laid in ruins and ashes than that it should be tamely taken and enslaved."

In drawing the teeth of the French navy, he said, "our painful task is now completed, although an unfinished battleship still rests in a Moroccan harbor and there are a number of French warships at Toulon and in various French ports all over the world.

"These are not in condition or of a character to derange our preponderance of naval power."

(Nevertheless, the British have been reported maintaining a virtual blockade of the French West Indian island of Martinique, where some French warships are anchored.)

"Perhaps it will come tonight; perhaps it will come next week; perhaps it will never come," he said. "We must show ourselves equally capable of meeting a sudden violent shock or, what is perhaps a harder task, of a prolonged vigil."

Guy Snow from Surry County

—is manager of the new Buick agency just opened opposite the Post Office in N. Wilkesboro. Mr. Snow has had previous experience in Buick sales and his ad on another page of this issue should attract many.

Live Stock Market

WYTHEVILLE, VA. JULY 9

Total receipts 1,940 head.

Good to choice ewes and weathers 80 to 84 lbs. 10.00

Good to choice buck lambs, 90 lbs. 9.00

Med. ewes and weather lambs 70 to 76 lbs. 7.90 to 8.35

Light ewes and weather lambs 60 lbs. 6.95

Med. buck lambs, 77 lbs. 7.55-7.85

Light buck lambs, 75 lbs., 6.15

Old sheep 1.75 to 2.85

Top hogs 7.30

Light and heavy 6.30 to 6.90

Sows 6.20 to 6.60

Top calves, avg. 189 lbs., 9.50

2nd calves, avg. 160 lbs., 8.90

3rd calves, avg. 135 lbs., 8.30

4th calves, avg. 114 lbs., 7.50

Light and com'n calves 6.00

Choice yearling steers, 550 lbs. 9.60

Beef steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs. 7.60 to 8.80

Heifers, 700-900 lbs., 8.50

Med. to good heifers 6.00-7.50

Good beef cows 6.00 to 6.60

Med. beef cows 5.00 to 6.00

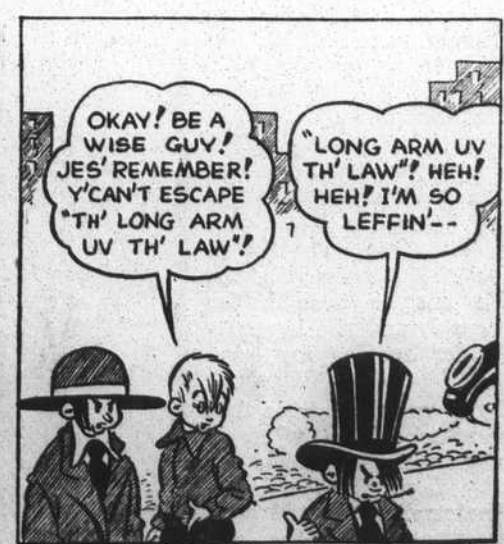
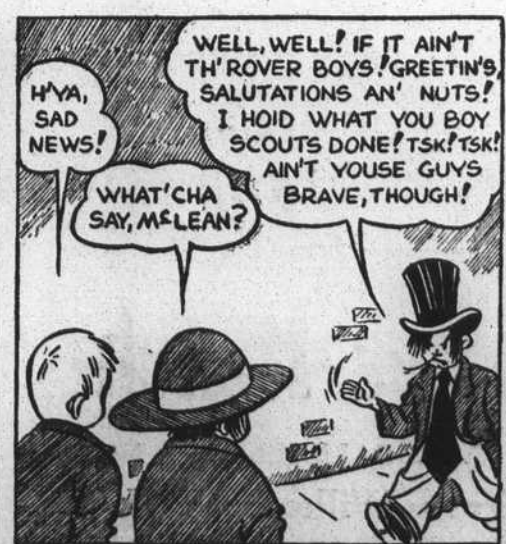
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