



Washington, D. C.—According to the latest Gallup survey the rise of Wendell Willkie in public favor shows definitely that the feeling against big business current a few years ago has been substantially altered. Willkie's two chief points of appeal, as analyzed in the thousands of comments gathered in the survey, are his business ability and his personality. Even among those voters who oppose him, the chief reason cited is lack of political experience rather than his connections with the public utilities.

Every night, as we turn the dials of the radio, and every morning as we pick up the paper, we learn of the latest frightfulness which threatens the remaining victims of Hitler's "blitzkrieg"—screaming bombs which produce insanity for adults, and machine-gun fire which seems always to attack the helpless non-combatants. Meanwhile, thousands of little children have been sent to what are presumed to be "places of safety," only to find that no matter where they may flee, they are pursued by their relentless enemy, to whom, apparently, neither age nor sex makes the slightest difference in his hunt for victims of his hate.

### The Democratic Convention

By Franklyn Waltman

As time gives a perspective to what is happening this year, historians may record that the great Democratic Party came to its end at its 1940 National Convention.

The hour of passing of the party may be when duly elected delegates booed and jeered a quotation from Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the party.

The booing of Jefferson's words came when the venerated Senator Carter Glass of Virginia mounted the convention rostrum to place in nomination for the Presidency the name of Postmaster General James A. Farley. Senator Glass declared that Jim Farley believed in the "unwritten law and the traditions of the Democratic Party as advocated ever since the day of Thomas Jefferson, who less than three years before his death appealed to the party which he established never to nominate a man for the third term for the Presidency."

The words of the eighty-two-year-old Virginian—one of the country's really great statesmen—were drowned out by a chorus of boos and jeers, which, correspondents recorded, came from many of the delegates seated in the convention arena intermingled with cheers from the galleries.

Never before had such an amazing spectacle taken place in a national convention. Never before had a Democratic convention ever displayed anything but ardent applause for utterances of Thomas Jefferson. Nor has a Republican National Convention ever shown anything but enthusiasm an affection for the words of Abraham Lincoln.

But under the lash of the political machine, the plan of Mr. Roosevelt's New Deal satellites to renominate him for a third term must succeed—nothing must stand in its way! If the plan clashed with the philosophy of Jefferson, the party founder, then down with Jefferson!

Amazing though the spectacle was, nevertheless it symbolized this year's Democratic National Convention. Lifelong Democratic leaders early in the proceedings were pushed to one side.

It is no wonder that many of the delegates were at first bewildered and then sick at heart. Too late some of the Democratic delegates realized their party had been captured by men with alien and anti-Democratic philosophies. In the closing hours of the convention, they struggled to retain their self-respect but it was too late.

None but the witless and those overwhelmed by emotional fervor accepted as sincere Mr. Roosevelt's disavowal of any desire for a third term. The record of what he and his friends did to everyone who dared project himself as a candidate for the nomination was too fresh in mind.

Most ludicrous of all was the nomination of Mr. Wallace for the Vice Presidency as the "farmer's friend." Disclosure of what Mr. Roosevelt desired in this regard so angered delegates from farm states that they booed every time the name of Wallace was mentioned.

Had it not been for the votes from the big city and eastern Democratic machines Mr. Wallace would not have been nominated. Obviously delegates from farm states did not want him.

## Our world...

### Italy Loses A Warship

London, July 19.—The Italian light cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, one of the fastest warships, was sunk with a probable loss of 250 men in the Mediterranean off Greece during a fierce naval and air action today with the Australian cruiser Sydney supported by a small destroyer force, the British admiralty announced. One British destroyer rescued 250 men from the Italian vessel. It was presumed another 250 Italian seamen lost their lives since the ship's normal complement was 500. It was Italy's first cruiser loss reported in this war.

### Germany Threatens A Tornado

Berlin, July 23.—Britain must brace herself now against a made-in-Germany tornado of terror, high Nazi sources indicated tonight, adding that defiant rejection of Adolf Hitler's peace-or-destruction offer had "torn the lid off." Henceforth, they emphasized, "weapons will speak." Emphasizing this threat, the Nazi air force again raided Scotland and England.

### Britain Awaits Adolph's Worst

London, July 23.—Britain, barricaded behind a growing wall of preparedness, waited watchfully but confidently tonight for Adolf Hitler to start his blitzkrieg. Reports in neutral sources of "greatly increased activities" in Dutch and Belgian dockyards and railways indicated that her great test may not be long coming. These reports, unconfirmed in British quarters, said the Germans apparently were concentrating military supplies in the western lowlands—a logical jumping off place for a mass invasion. Taking stock of her position against efforts of German warplanes and commerce raiders to create a starvation blockade, Britain found herself strong in ships, food, men and wealth.

### For Compulsory Military Training

Washington, July 23.—Compulsory military training moved a long step nearer reality today when the senate military committee approved a revised Burke-Wadsworth bill providing for registration of 42,000,000 men, of whom 1,500,000 would be drafted in the first year.

### Roosevelt Cracks At The Bolters

Hyde Park, N. Y., July 23.—President Roosevelt donned political harness today long enough to speak his mind about Senator Edward R. Burke, Lewis W. Douglas, John W. Hanes and former Senator James A. Reed—four anti-third term Democrats who have teamed up with Wendell L. Willkie. Prompted entirely by press conference questions, Mr. Roosevelt said he understood that the Democratic party had bolted from Burke.

### The Mighty Jim Turns Aside

Chicago, July 19.—James A. Farley, who managed President Roosevelt's 1932 and 1936 campaigns, arranged to leave national politics behind today and turn the direction of Mr. Roosevelt's third effort to win the presidency over to another. Meanwhile it became clear that the President would conduct a "portico campaign." There are two of them at the White House, instead of the usual porch.

### Will A Tar Heel Succeed Wallace?

Raleigh, July 19.—Three North Carolina farm leaders today indorsed Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, for appointment as secretary of agriculture, to succeed Henry A. Wallace, Democratic vice presidential nominee, but Dr. Poe himself declined to comment. W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, sent a telegram to President Roosevelt in which he said: "The south has been called economic problem No. 1, and it is well to consider a man who knows the problems of the south in seeking a solution to the agriculture ills of southern farming."

## U. S. sweltered in grip of heat wave

—as millions of Americans were harassed by intense heat yesterday and harried by advice that no general break in the sultry spell was in prospect.

Temperatures scaled up into 90's in the midwest, east and south.

The cumulative count of deaths attributed directly to the sweltering siege—now nearly a week old in some sections—rose to 29 while 129 drownings were reported.

Nebraska thermometers held around the 100-degree mark for the sixth successive day. Scattered week-end rains brought limited relief to some sections.

Detroit residents watched the mercury ascend to 95, an all-time record for the date. Readings ranged up to 98 in Virginia.

Some of the high marks were 112 in Phoenix, Ariz., 110 in Yuma, Ariz., 105 in Rapid City, S. D., 103 in Minneapolis, 102 in Huron, S. D., and Kansas City, 101 in North Platte, Neb., and Washington, D. C.

How Did She Mean It?

The small boy was being reproved by his mother.

"Why can't you be good?" she asked.

"I'll be good for a nickel," he said.

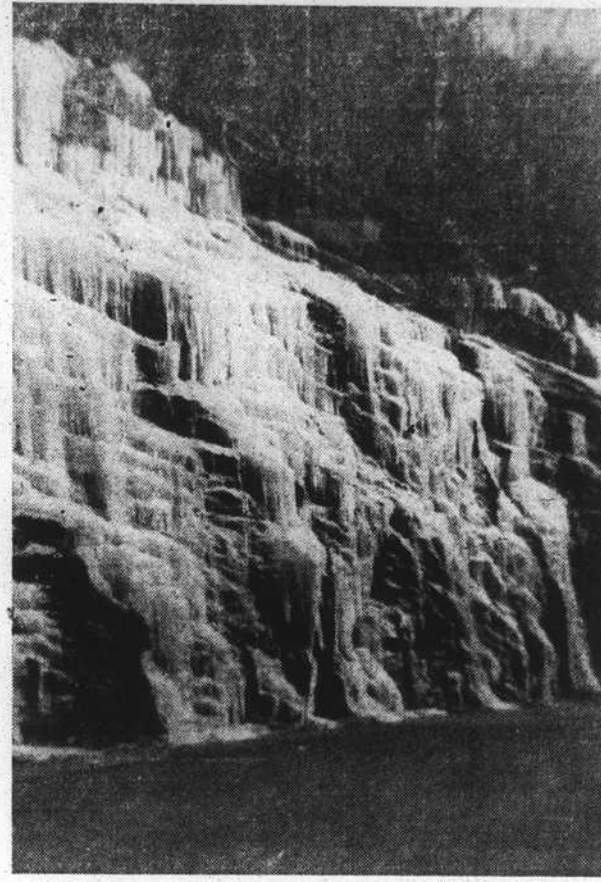
"Ah!" responded the mother, "you want to be bribed. You should copy your father and be good for nothing."

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Another beauty spot of Alleghany County which has been photographed on a post card by the Alleghany Star-Times, and is available at Smithey's and Kay's Dime Store in Sparta. View of the ice rocks in early Spring on the Parkway, near Sparta.

### BRAINS AND BEAUTY



Chosen as the most beautiful Phi Beta Kappa of the South Atlantic States by a jury of Chicago artists, Miss Betty Moore, just graduated from William and Mary College was invited to be one of a group of four American Phi Beta Kappa girls to be in a Pan-American Court of Beauty this summer at the Elgin Observatory, New York World's Fair. With these will serve four representatives of Latin-American countries and Canada, chosen similarly on a brains plus beauty basis. Miss Moore lives in Gloucester Court House, Va.

### Elder C. R. Dancy

—will preach at Piney Creek on Friday, August 9th at 2 o'clock.

### So It Seems

"Mother, isn't it funny that hats cost more than radios?"

Mother: "But they don't, dear. What makes you think so?"

"Well, a sign in a window back there said 'Hats, \$10 up,' and we just passed another window with a sign that says, 'Radios \$10 down.'"—Santa Fe Magazine.

are carried on by the use of force or by the threat of force," Welles declared in the prepared statement he read to newsmen. "They are likewise opposed to any form of intervention on the part of one state, however powerful, in the domestic concerns of any other sovereign states, however weak."

### Antioch Church is preparing

—in rather a large way for the Association meeting to be held there soon. The plans include painting the building, clearing out quite a large parking space, sodding the cemetery, and the erection of a stand. The women of the church have been very active in working with the men in clipping grass and bushes, and now a call is made for everybody to come on Thursday, August 1st, with your tools ready for a good days work at improving the grounds.

### Better Homes Week

Some two decades ago, a twelve-year-old mountain boy of Tennessee won a national prize for a definition of a Better Home. The prize was a copy of Gutzon Borglum's famous head of Lincoln. We quote the boy's words. Many think the definition cannot be improved upon. It is: "A Better Home is one my father is proud to support, one my mother loves to keep, one our friends like to come to. It is a place to grow old in."

### Baseball League

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Fries Weavers	18	3	857
Ivanhoe	14	4	777
Austinville	13	8	619
Fries Maroons	11	7	611
Hillsville	8	8	500
Rural Retreat	7	8	466
Galax	9	11	450
Sparta	5	9	357
Independence	6	14	300
Jacksons Ferry	2	16	111

Results of Saturdays games:  
Fries Weavers 6, Austinville 2.  
Hillsville 7, Fries Maroons 6.  
Ivanhoe 4, Galax 3.

### COMING GAMES

Saturday, July 27  
Sparta at Ivanhoe.  
R. Retreat at Galax.  
Fries Weavers at Hillsville.  
Independence at F. Maroons.  
J. Ferry at Austinville.  
Wednesday, July 31  
Fries W. at Sparta  
Hillsville at J. Ferry.  
R. Retreat at Ivanhoe.  
Austinville at Independence.  
Galax at Fries Maroons.

The naval gun factory at Washington, D. C., is the only one of the kind in the western hemisphere.

### A new home is being erected

—for Wayne Waddell across the bridge, and next to Clennel Richardson's. Thus Sparta grows, and there is growing up an attractive community alongside the river and pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are already living in their attractive new house down Whithead Street and seem to find it very delightful.

And another new home is being erected on the road to Green Gables for Walter Johnson.

Omer Edward's house that burned in June is replaced by a new one.

And Wayne Taylor is very busy with many improvements to his neat home back on the hill.

### Mrs. Harry Vaughan entertained

—the Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church Thursday night, with Miss Wanda Choate as leader. After the devotional conducted by Rev. L. F. Strader an interesting program "Our Human Heritage in America" was presented by Miss Lillie Ervin and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill. Misses Emogene Choate, Wanda Choate and Joan Mead rendered special music. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Crockett Lucas, served a salad and sweet course to fifteen members and one guest, Miss Fave Joines.

### No Confidence

I cannot accept the assurance of Mr. Hitler, "Europe for Europeans" and "America for Americans," because I know that Mr. Hitler and Mr. Stalin and Mr. Mussolini have already invaded the Western Hemisphere with their agents and their propagandists. I know they have already violated the promise "Europe for Europeans and America for Americans" by their action in sending their agents to the Americas.—Representative Martin Dies (D.), Texas, in Congress.

### G. O. P. Granted Rights To "God Bless America"

Irving Berlin, writer of the song "God Bless America," has advised Joseph W. Martin, Jr., campaign manager for Wendell Willkie and chairman of the Republican National Committee, that performance rights on the song would be waived for the 1940 Republican campaign.

The song was sung at the Republican Convention in Philadelphia by Maragret Speaks, the opera star.

### Shiloh

Shiloh, July 2.—Mrs. F. A. Mitchell and granddaughter, Betty Jane Mitchell, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Lee Hampton and daughter, Edith Mae.

Clarence Joines arrived Monday to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Joines.

J. M. Boyer spent Saturday and Sunday night at the home of Rev. Lee A. Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hampton and sons, Walter Lee and Joe Thomas, Mollie Hampton and Ray Joines spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Truitt, of Baywood.

Mrs. Cora Pugh, of Kimberly, Idaho, spent last week with her brother and niece, Rev. Lee A. and Mollie Hampton. Mrs. Pugh's grandson, Ralph Pugh and her son, Dodge Pugh, came Sunday to take her to spend some time with Ralph's mother, Mrs. Maude Pugh. She plans to visit her old home while there.

## Chadwick, former Legion Commander stated his views

—and his position in a statement issued yesterday. He is also a Democratic leader of the state of Wash-

ington.

"The Democratic party as I knew it has no means of expression under that label. Its principles have been wholly abandoned by the brain trusters and new dealers, a group of political opportunists who have taken over the administration and selfishly seek to perpetuate themselves in office.

"Democratic principles as expressed in the national platform of 1932 are today exemplified by the Republican party and its candidates. They alone offer the hope of economy in government and freedom from bureaucracy.

"I advocated preparedness long before the issue was politically popular and feel that our present tardy preparedness program will better serve America and its place if administered by a world war veteran, one whose mind is so single to America and its security that it avoids such expressions as the 'quarantining' of other nations but to the nurturing of an ing 'at the Rhine,' 'the use of means short of war' and 'the knife in the back, when the nation is unprepared to back up such expressions.

"I have always considered a third term as a danger to our Democratic processes, tending not alone to stimulate personal ambitions but to the nurturing of an office holding class.

"A designed third term developed under forced draft presents a real danger to the perpetuity of our institutions.

"The situation I and thousands like me, people who favor a government of laws made by our chosen representatives rather than a maze of federal rules and regulations concocted by new deal bureaucrats find ourselves in, is regrettable, but we cannot cease to fight. We must be honest with ourselves. We must fight on.

"The issue is Americanism as opposed to the new dealers, the people against the self-perpetrating bureaucrats; America minding America's business, its strength and security.

"Still following the Jeffersonian concept, I will be with Willkie.

### The S. H. Cook Family Reunion

—will be held on Sunday, August 4th, at the Cook home, five miles east of Sparta and one mile east of Chestnut Grove Church.

"What's the best way to flatter a man?"

"Tell him he's proof against flattery."

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By Irv Tirman