



Washington, D. C. — While many Congressmen doubt that a German victory would mean an early attempt at invasion of the Western Hemisphere by the Nazi hordes, none however think that the U. S. could escape the effects of a British capitulation. The reasons are obvious:

American industry and agriculture are to a large extent dependent upon the British market. The domination of Europe by Hitler would mean that German trade methods, based on forced labor and the barter system, would completely kill our export trade with Europe, resulting in disastrous surpluses of agricultural products and the near ruin of many industries. It would also raise the question of title to immense British investments here and in South America. Moreover, this country, for the first time in its history, would be left alone in a world full of potential enemies, with the problem of fulfilling the obligations of the Monroe Doctrine and of guarding two oceans with a single-ocean navy.

Former President Hoover's appeal to the nation to save millions of Europeans from starvation this winter may have to wait until the result of the battle for England becomes more definite and the attitude of this government toward the European war becomes clarified.

The movement for sending food and medical supplies is being supported by humanitarians, eager to relieve suffering in any part of the world, and sincere farm groups struggling with surpluses and low prices. The fact that these shipments would dispose of large quantities of excess corn, wheat, lard and cotton will undoubtedly result in pressure being applied in Congress soon for legislation to permit sending such supplies to the famine-threatened European populations.

The 7000 workers in the U. S. Census Bureau who are now compiling the results of the canvasses taken earlier about themselves taken earlier this year will soon give the American people more information about themselves importance is the fact established by this 1940 census that the growth of our population is steadily slowing down. Preliminary reports reveal that between 1920 and 1930 the population increase was but 8 per cent, compared with nearly double that figure in the ten years preceding that period. The U. S. now has approximately 133,000,000 people.

Of equal importance is the shift of population away from industrial centers. Cities have grown but 5 per cent in the last decade, showing, that 6,000,000 young persons now on farms would under conditions of the preceding decade have migrated to the cities.

Congress has become the hysteria center of the country.—Senator George W. Norris.

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## Our world...

### Persistency In Destruction

London, Aug. 27.—For more than six hours the German air force hurled slaughter and destruction on London today in the longest air raid of the war. Several times bombers were caught in the crossbeams of powerful searchlights and jettisoned their heavy explosive cargoes to speed their escape.

### Air Raids Are Becoming A Bore

London, Aug. 28.—Adolf Hitler's night-flying raiders continued "insomnia raids" on the London area last night and early today, dropping incendiary bomb clusters which started fires—and disturbed the slumbers of millions. But the British, after their six-hour siege in shelters Monday night and Tuesday morning, took the two alarms last night and today much more phlegmatically. There was less anti-aircraft cannonading and searchlight activity, and many a yawning householder refused to leave his snug bed.

### Into The Heart Of Berlin

Berlin, Aug. 27.—British bombers attacked Berlin in two waves early today, zooming over Adolf Hitler's new chancellery and other government buildings in the heart of the capital, while anti-aircraft guns blazed furiously and heavy bomb explosions echoed through the streets.

### Germany, The Great European Referee

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Reliable informants reported today that German and Italian foreign ministers would referee the Rumanian-Hungarian quarrel in a Vienna conference tomorrow in the conviction that Germany must settle Balkan territorial disputes to avoid at all costs any incidents which could disturb the conduct of her war against Britain.

### Conscription Bill Gains Favor

Washington, Aug. 27.—While opposition in the senate to the military conscription bill, urged by President Roosevelt, was no less active today than has been the case during the past two weeks, the impression became widely prevalent that the strategic position of the advocates of the proposal had been materially strengthened over the week-end. Senator Bailey, of North Carolina, chairman of the commerce committee, today in a formal statement gave to the press some of the reasons that impelled him to align himself with those members of the senate who are advocating prompt passage of the compulsory military service, or conscription bill.

### To Tax Excess Profits

Washington, Aug. 26.—The house ways and means committee approved today a 20 to 50 per cent tax on corporation "excess profits" and a plant amortization plan designed to speed up the letting of defense contracts. The measure, asked by the administration, is designed to prevent the creation of "war millionaires" while not discouraging manufacturing companies from making plant expansions needed for the national defense. Small corporations, making no more than \$5,000 a year, are exempted from the tax. Calling it "one of the finest things I've ever known," Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, announced that the legislation was agreed to unanimously.

### Travel In Comfort 250 Miles Per Hour

Miami, Fla., Aug. 26.—Pan-American Airways 33-passenger stratoclipper Rainbow set a new record of six hours 12 minutes today for the 1,547-mile flight from Miami to the Panama Canal Zone. The 20-ton airliner, on a one-day round-trip flight to the Canal Zone, took off from Miami at 6 a. m. (E. S. T.) and landed at Christobal at 12:12 p. m.

### Snap Shots and Sun Spots

In any contest, whether between two small boys over a few marbles, or in a community, or a state, or a nation, or even internationally—between nations, when one side begins to hurl bad names and impugn motives, it is a definite sign of weakness. Don't call your rival bad names, brother; it only reveals your own littleness, which needs no advertisement.

Thirty-one miles of that beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway, including the especially fine Bluffs Park,—all in Alleghany County. And if anyone has not yet enjoyed the beauty to be seen on and from the Parkway, we beg of you to neglect it no longer. If you want a pictured map of the Parkway it is yours for the asking. Mr. Coombs, of the Parkway Patrol, keeps us supplied with the maps for you.

My, but Sparta is absolutely black after midnight, and now that Judy Womble leaves one of his brighter lights burning, it

seems almost to emphasize the deeper blackness elsewhere. But of course the answer is that everybody should be asleep in bed after midnight. Passing autos and truckers know we're dead asleep.

To those who find enjoyment in looking at well-kept lawns and handsome flowers, Dr. Doughton's yard is a source of delight. There's an air of carefulness about it, and now the handsome hydrangea is putting forth a wealth of blooms to cheer those who have eyes to see.

Yes, we know, we never did get Sally home from that trip into the far west. She has done her part, and we must give you the rest of her travel story. So many things keep pressing in.

Did you see those Boy Scouts in Sunday School last Sunday with their Scoutmaster, Mr. Hanks? Troop No. 85 from Galax, on a camping trip, and in their uniforms and by their actions they added a fine touch to the Sunday School.

Twin Oaks is certainly beautifully located, and will grow. Another house is being erected there, and with the frequent improvements along near Green Gables and between Twin Oaks and Spar-

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### QUEEN TOBACCO VI



Martha Scott, co-starred with Cary Grant in "The Howards of Virginia", Colonial-Williamsburg-film picture, will reign as queen of the Sixth Annual National Tobacco Festival at South Boston, Va., September 5th and 6th. Miss Scott will go to South Boston the day after the Richmond premiere of her new picture and will be acclaimed Regina Tobacco VI by over 150,000 people expected to attend Tobacco's official annual celebration. Hon. James A. Farley will conduct the coronation exercises.

### Alleghany—Oddities

By Frances Wrench

We knew stripes were the "go" this year, but really it is going pretty far when even the hens try to keep up with the styles. A few days ago one of Miss Polly Billings' Rhode Island Reds laid a striped egg of pretty brown and tan combinations. The ends of the egg are a very dark brown; then come two tan stripes; and around the center another dark brown band. A nice combination, huh? And we're not sure whether it is the style influence, or that she's merely practicing up for Easter. The former seems

### A revival meeting will be held

—at Rock Ridge Presbyterian Church, Peden, beginning Monday night, September 2, by Rev. W. H. Caldwell of Independence. The public is cordially invited.

Communion meeting will be held at New Home Free Will Baptist Church, near Topia, Saturday and Sunday, August 31 and September 1.

ta, we see a growing community.

Not so pleasant to talk about unpleasant things, but the town trash cans on a Sunday morning, after the dogs have finished tipping them over and scattering the contents about are not an inspiring sight. Are they the best Sparta can find, or afford?

We're looking for a correspondent in Twin Oaks and one in Piney Creek. We have 27 correspondents around the county, but we need two more—to cover the county news better.

Parkway Cafe must be doing business, when one can hardly get in the door for the crowd, at times.

We had resolved to leave Dr. Bert Choate alone a while, and perhaps we have. But now, when he sallies forth with shoes that don't match—and one a borrowed one!—well, how are we to keep quiet? But we've no quarrel with our neighbor's shoes. Anything for comfort. Why should we worry? Ouch, my bunion!

### George Cheek was chosen as president

—of the Bar Association of the 11th judicial district, which comprises Alleghany, Ashe and Forsyth counties, at the annual meeting of the association held last Saturday at Roaring Gap, at the summer home of Luther Ferrell, Winston-Salem attorney.

Richmond Rucker, of Winston-Salem, was named vice-president, and Judge G. H. Hastings, also of Winston-Salem, was re-elected counselor.

Some 60 members of the association attended the meeting, and after the business session at the house of Mr. Ferrell they went to the lake for fishing and a picnic lunch.

Among those attending from Alleghany County were Governor Doughton, R. Floyd Crouse, Geo. Cheek, Carlisle Higgins, Robert Gambill and Paul Swanson. From Ashe County came W. B. Austin and Ira T. Johnston, and from Forsyth there were over 30, including the district solicitor, Erle McMichael.

more likely. Miss Billings of Sparta says the hen is six or eight years old.

Mrs. J. R. Hawthorne, and Misses Emaline Hawthorne and Florence Warren were visitors in Galax Monday.

### Annual reunion at Boonville

—of the Woodruff-Thompson-Myers families will be held Sunday, Sept. 8th at the home of Winnie Woodruff in Boonville, N. C. All members of the families should attend the reunion if possible, and relatives and friends are cordially invited. Don't forget to bring the lunch baskets and please have them well filled.

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### Sparta Visitor



MR. MONROE ADAMS

—of Statesville, Republican candidate for Congress, was a visitor in Sparta last Thursday.

### 100 dozen fruit jars have arrived

—from the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to be filled, it is announced by Mrs. T. S. Moxley, chairman of the canning committee of the Alleghany Baptist Association. Many churches have already taken their quota. Others can get the jars from Smithey's Store basement.

### Annual reunion of Royal-Miles

—Brooks clans will meet at Roaring Gap Baptist Church on U. S. highway number 21 on Sunday, Sept. 1st at 10 o'clock a. m. An interesting program has been arranged including noted speakers and singing choirs from different sections. The public is cordially invited to attend, with a well filled basket, for dinner on the grounds.

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### That Stratford boy still hits Bull's-eyes

—and, seeking to add more laurels to the scores he has already acquired, Master Gunnery Sergeant Thomas J. Jones, formerly of Stratford, is practicing daily with the expert Marine Rifle Team, in preparation for the forthcoming National Matches, to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, according to reports received from the Ohio camp. The Matches will start the first week of September.

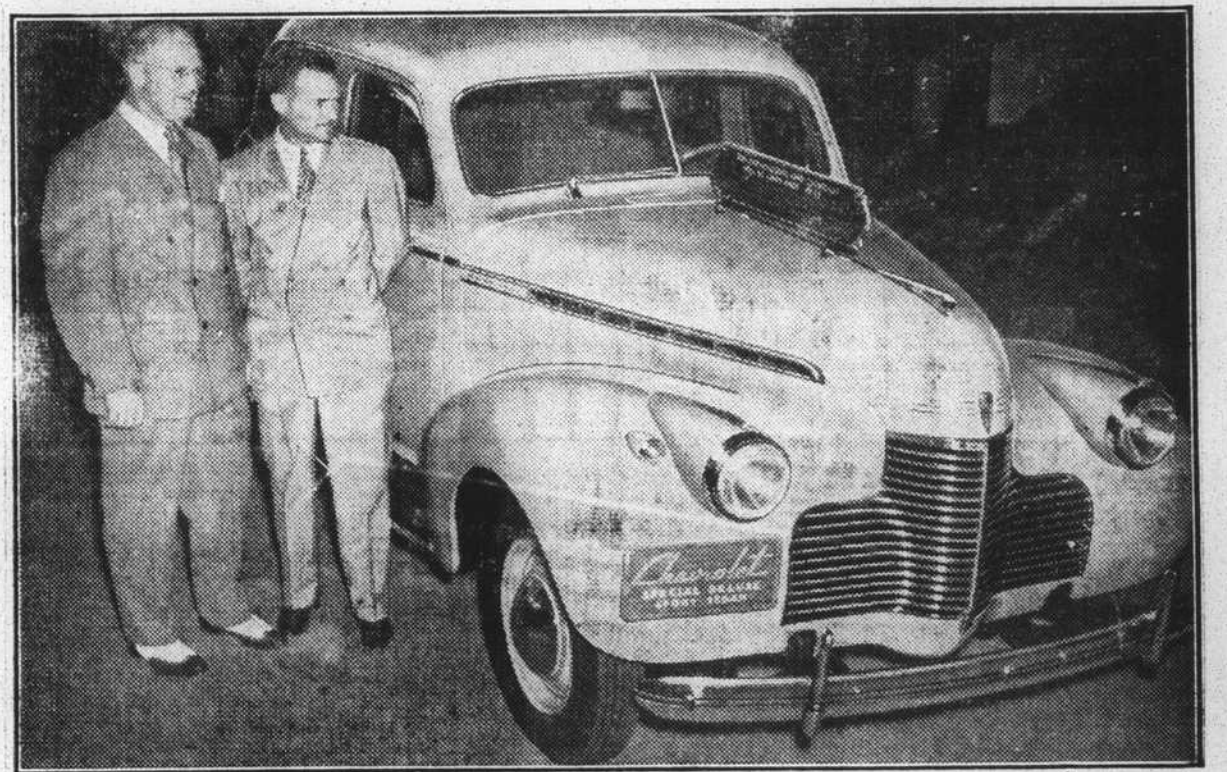
None of the group of riflemen assembled here has had more experience than Sergeant Jones. He was born in Scottsville, and formerly made his home with his brother, Rufus A. Jones, of Stratford. For more than twenty years he has been an outstanding rifleman of the Marine Corps.

He began winning prizes for shooting when he was serving with the Marines in Cuba in 1918, and has added to his collection year by year since that time. Back in 1921 he won places and prizes in eight shooting events, and since then has won literally hundreds of medals in China, the United States, and other foreign posts.

Last year he was a member of the Marine Corps rifle team which won the National Rifle Team match at Camp Perry, defeating 119 of the crack rifle teams of the country. He also holds the Yangtze service medal awarded to him for his service in China a few years ago. One of his greatest feats occurred in 1921. That was when he broke the world's record by making 133 consecutive bull's-eyes at 300 yards at Wakefield, Mass.

Misses Lillie Ervin and Marie Perry returned home Sunday after spending a week in New York attending the World's Fair.

## Who'll Win Millionth 1940 Chevrolet?



This car, the one millionth 1940 model built by Chevrolet in this year when demand for its product has shattered many records, is to be awarded to the winner of a nationwide contest, and may become the property of an owner of an old Chevrolet right here in town. Chevrolet, whose all-time production is now nearing 16,000,000, is conducting a search for the one millionth Six produced after the introduction of the valve-in-head six-cylinder Chevrolet in 1929. To the owner of that car, or of the closest approach thereto—as specified in rules obtainable at all Chevrolet dealers—the company will present this up-to-the-minute model, plus a trip to the New York World's Fair, where the car is being displayed in the General Motors Building. In the photo are W. J. Graveson (left), Atlantic Coast regional manager for Chevrolet, and Wilbur Shaw, three-time winner of the Indianapolis Speedway race, who was a visitor at the Fair on the day of the car's arrival there.

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