



Washington, D. C.—In view of the wide difference of opinion in Washington on the subject of sending 50 over-age American destroyers to Great Britain, our good friends, "P. M.," decided to canvass the opinions of retired admirals of our Navy—the only men free to express their views with authority.

Twenty-six retired admirals, according to U. Robertson, a staff correspondent on that publication, replied that we should send the destroyers, while two or three conditioned their replies. Seven replied that they did not endorse sending ships, while ten others refused an opinion.

Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr. came through with an answer, however, which comes closer to expressing the opinion of the majority than any of the others. We quote as given:

"My conviction is that, for our own safety, it is high time we consider our warships and air-planes as the last reserves to rescue Great Britain from defeat. Britain has not asked for our entire naval strength, which, as a last resort, we should be only too willing to give. We are not being asked to send our sailors; only the cold, spiritless ships.

"In my opinion we would have been in the war long since, but for the high value we have placed on the lives of American youth. If Britain is defeated these young lives will yet have to be sacrificed, and, on their own doorsteps."

Every day brings fresh evidence that practically the whole world is undergoing a great change not only in form of government, but in the economic and social principles by which it will be controlled. In some countries this will mean a complete revolution in methods of living and in human relationships.

That our own country will be influenced by these changes, no one can deny. These changes will take place no matter who will win the war. Values of commodities will be cheapened in other lands and as international exchanges will be based upon such cheapened commodities, it will follow that American labor will be placed in competition with underprivileged workers in these low-standard countries.

In such an hour as this, when what is now happening will go down in history as one of its most vital periods, those of us who believe in the principles of democracy, of freedom and of liberty for all mankind, need to hold fast to the fundamental principles which have successfully guided us from the beginning of our history.



A special meeting is called for Friday night at seven o'clock to elect new officers and to divide into two patrols. Leaders, committeemen and potential scouts are invited to attend. This will be our first semi-annual election, and all Scouts are urged to come and be on time at 7 o'clock.

Robert Walsh has been transferred from the Sparta troop to Washington, D. C., but he plans to be back with us again next summer.

R. C. Mitchell, Scribe

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## Our world...

### U. S. Trades Old Ships For Air Bases

Washington, Sept. 3.—To an accompanying chorus of congressional approval and protest, President Roosevelt disclosed today that he was turning over 50 "over-age" American destroyers to Great Britain to bulwark that beleaguered country against the onslaught of Nazi Germany. The United States is to receive, in turn, the right to construct a string of outlying naval and air bases extending from Newfoundland to South America. Their chief value, the President declared, would be in keeping an overseas enemy away from America's front door. The state department announced that it had received also a British pledge that in no event would the British fleet be sunk or surrendered to Germany. If driven out of European waters, it was said, the English ships of war would be sent abroad for the "defense of other parts of the empire." The whole transaction, which Attorney General Jackson ruled did not require congressional action, was described by President Roosevelt, in a brief message notifying Congress of what was being done, as "an epochal and far-reaching act of preparation for continental defense in the face of a grave danger." "This is the most important action in the reinforcement of our national defense that has been taken since the Louisiana purchase," Mr. Roosevelt added.

### British Rejoice At Epochal Act

London, Sept. 3.—The British rejoiced tonight wherever they gathered, from Cheapside pubs to the austere and misty corridors of the foreign office, over the news that fifty over-age U. S. destroyers will fill the gaps of the royal navy in the total German siege of these islands. First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander in a statement greeted "with the utmost pleasure and satisfaction" the transfer of destroyers. He added: "They came at a time when the strain upon our destroyer fleet has been very great and will be of inestimable value to us not only for escorting convoys but also for protecting our coasts from the threat of invasion." Moreover, he added, "this event will strengthen the feeling of goodwill and friendship between our two great peoples."

### British Resistance More Effective

London, Sept. 4.—German raiding planes in great waves beat in vain yesterday at a curtain of defensive fire thrown up about London and were driven off a third time late last night after a 14-minute engagement at the city's outskirts.

### Attempt To Assassinate King Carol

Bucharest, Rumania, Sept. 4.—Gunmen attempted in vain to assassinate King Carol last night in an alleged Iron Guardist plot to seize power, and place Prince Hihai on the throne. While the would-be assassins broke through the palace guard and fired seven shots at a lighted window in Carol's palace, other groups of Iron Guardists attacked the Bucharest radio station and the American-owned telephone company's central office.

### Death And Recapture Follow Prison Break

Columbia, Sept. 3.—The death toll in Arkansas' sensational Labor day prison farm break stood at four tonight and three high school students were held hostage as armed citizens and peace officers sought other members of the desperate band. Nine of the 36 convicts who shot their way to freedom yesterday from the Cummins prison farm in Arkansas were recaptured during the night-and-day-long search through two states.

### New N. C. Presbyterian Moderator

High Point, Sept. 3.—Dr. W. T. Thompson, professor of religious education at Union seminary, Richmond, Va., was unanimously elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina tonight. He is a member of Orange presbytery. Dr. Thompson succeeds Rev. R. H. Stone, of Jefferson, who preached the opening sermon tonight. Mr. Stone has spent all his ministry of 19 years in Ashe county in home mission work, and devoted his message to that subject.

### Marriages

SPURLIN—BEALE

Clark Spurlin of Ennice and Mrs. Effie Beale of Greensboro were married on Aug. 31st in Greensboro.

W. E. Read of Dobson was killed in a car wreck at Danville, Va. on Tuesday, Sept. 3, it is reported.

### J. M. Boyer

#### passed away Monday, Sept. 2

—at the home of his son, Kenny B., in Galax after quite a long illness during which his spirit seemed never to falter, and during which his mental alertness seemed never to fail. Mr. Boyer was born April 8, 1856, and so was 84 years old at his death. He was a brother of Dr. H. K. Boyer, of Sparta and Charlotte, and for 65 years was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Being a native of Alleghany he leaves here a wide circle of friends. Surviving him are seven children, 49 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren.

### Deaths

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BOYER

Mitchell Boyer, well known citizen of Sparta and Galax, died at the home of his son, Kenny Boyer, at Galax, September 2, 1940, aged 84 years. He had been a sick man for several years, but with strong determination he kept up, and was confined to his bed but a short time before his death. He was the son of James and Rhoda Boyer, of Alleghany County, and the only brother of Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, of Charlotte.

His funeral was held September 3rd, at Elk Creek Church. A large number of friends attended the rites, and the profusion of flowers attested the affectionate regard of those who knew him. His six grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Let's be skillful and not killful.

### The Union Baptist Association will convene

—Friday, September 13th at Liberty Church near Low Gap and continue through Saturday and Sunday, the 14th and 15th. Elder Curtis Toliver is expected to preach the introductory sermon. Services will begin at 11 o'clock Friday.

### Coming Events

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
Laurel Springs Sept. 6, 7, 8  
GREAT GALAX FAIR  
Galax, Sept. 9 to 14  
NORTHWESTERN FAIR  
N. Wilkesboro, Sept. 10 to 14  
UNION BAPTIST ASSN.  
Liberty Church, Sept. 13, 14, 15.  
WESTERN N. C. AGRI. FAIR  
Hendersonville, Sept. 17-21  
COURT WEEK  
Sparta, Sept. 23 to —  
ALLEGHANY COUNTY FAIR  
Sparta, Sept. 27, 28

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### Alleghany Baptist Association will convene Friday

—at the Laurel Springs Baptist Church under the general direction of A. O. Joines, Moderator. There are planned sessions for morning and afternoon on Friday, morning, afternoon and night on Saturday, and a morning session on Sunday.

A number of prominent speakers are scheduled to address the meetings, among which Alleghany's own, Hon. R. L. Doughton, will be listened to very attentively on Sunday when he is listed to address the assembly. Other outstanding leaders and speakers are, M. A. Huggins, General Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. C., Smith Hagaman, Superintendent of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Dr. John C. Slemp, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, I. C. Greer, Superintendent Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, and Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President of Mars Hill College. Naturally a number of local leaders among the Baptists will have part in the program, including Rev. V. W. Sears, the minister of the Sparta Baptist Church.

The general theme will be "Magnifying Christ and His Church," and the session theme Friday morning will be, "Magnifying Christ as Savior and Lord." Later sessions will be devoted to the church and its ministry to the needs of the world.

This jawing back and forth between Mr. Wilkie and the White House almost indicates that somebody's got him a joint debate going to the contrary notwithstanding.—Greensboro News.

Stop, look and listen—or be counted among the missing.

### N. C. Good Driver



THELBERT BOYKIN

### Topped All N. C. High School Drivers

—and Thelbert Boykin of Bailey, N. C. is motoring to New York with his parents to attempt to turn his skill in driving a car into a scholarship for his college education. Young Boykin, who recently topped all North Carolina drivers of High School age in the Ford Good Drivers Contest sponsored by Edsel Ford, hopes to major in Agriculture at North Carolina State College on the strength of winning the top \$5,000 scholarship to be awarded in the National Finals of the Contest.

Youthful Champion Boykin, who graduated from Bailey High School this year, won his North Carolina title in a contest which included a severe twenty-five mile road test, an essay of 300 words on the subject, "What I Can Do Personally to Reduce Automobile Accidents," and a written examination of questions based on the book "How To Become A Skilled Driver," written

### Democratic drive will have a real launching Sat.

—at Hendersonville, and although neither is on the ticket this time, both United States Senators from North Carolina will share speaking honors with J. Melville Broughton, nominee for Governor, when the Democrats launch their campaign with a three-district rally at Hendersonville on Saturday, September 7.

Several weeks ago, at the invitation of Monroe Redden, county chairman in Henderson, Broughton agreed to headline the mountain rally and to start the Democratic campaign in North Carolina. Arch T. Allen, one of the most prominent young figures in the party, recently named by Chairman Donny as secretary, said today that the Hendersonville rally would be one of the major events of the 1940 campaign, and unique in that it would last from 10:30 in the morning, with an intermission for a barbecue lunch, "until all the candidates and notables have had a chance to speak."

From Washington, in addition to Senators Bailey and Reynolds, will come Representative Zebulon Weaver, host Congressman of the eleventh, and Representatives Bulwinkle and Doughton. All are veterans and war horses and none unfamiliar with forensic fighting against the Republicans.

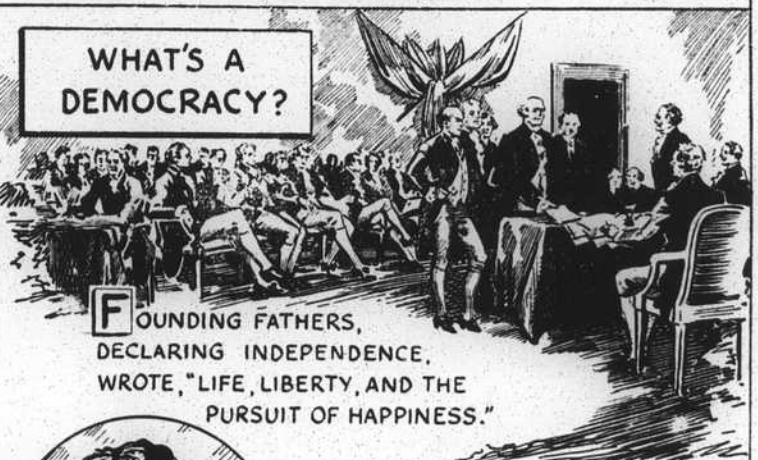
"The announcement that 'Farmer Bob' will be there" Allen observed, "is alone sufficient to assure fine attendance from every county in the ninth, tenth and eleventh Congressional districts."

and published for the Ford Good Drivers League. His victory was cheered by members of the 4-H Club and of the Future Farmers of North Carolina. Mr. Boykin is president of both organizations.

### A distressing and fatal accident occurred Saturday

—early in the afternoon when George W. Maines, who was riding in the rear of his son's pickup truck, and probably standing up, either reached out suddenly to catch his hat that had blown off or jumped out of the moving truck to retrieve it. He fell heavily to the roadway near George Woodruff's place and by the time he was brought to Dr. Bert Choate's his life had ebbed away. He lived near Hooker and the funeral, held Monday at Mountain View Church, was very largely attended.

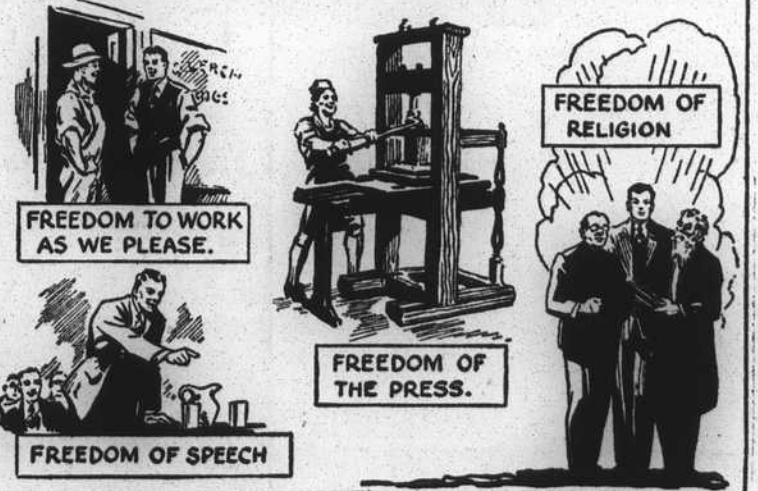
### OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



FOUNDING FATHERS, DECLARING INDEPENDENCE, WROTE, "LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID—THIS COUNTRY, WITH ITS INSTITUTIONS, BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO INHABIT IT.

DEVOTION TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS HAS MADE U.S. GREATEST NATION—IT OFFERS



### NAPPY



By Irv Tirman