



Up to the Battle of Britain, Germany has pretty much had her own way in dealing with the weak and unprepared and those nations destroyed from within by traitorous fifth columnists. But the situation is proving to be quite different with Britain, for the English are offering strong resistance and returning blow for blow with unswerving determination. It is becoming increasingly evident that Hitler, already well behind the previously boasted schedule of Nazi conquest, has met with a serious check in his air campaign against the British Isles; and that he has not merely paused to prepare plans for a still more intense bombardment, or actual invasion, as Nazi spokesmen suggest.

Whatever the numerical superiority of the Nazi air forces, the qualitative superiority of British pilots and of British and American planes is setting Hitler back on his heels. Confidential reports to Washington on the recent air activity over Britain have it that results are "almost unbelievably encouraging." Eye-witness accounts of American observers in England prove that Nazi claims of major bomb damage to essential ports, air fields, factories and other military objectives have been wildly exaggerated.

Apart from everything else, the Germans' own admission that waves of British bombers are able to raid Berlin for hours at a time—as readily as the Nazi planes can raid London—is positive proof that Hitler has not gained mastery of the air. What a shock this must be to the German people! They had been assured by their masters that German planes could wipe London off the face of the earth but that British planes could never penetrate the superlative anti-aircraft defenses in and around Berlin!

It is most significant that for the first time the German propaganda is trying to alibi military failure to the German people and the outside world. Thus it is explained that successful bombing of Berlin is due to the fact that a secret type of varnish makes British planes invisible in the glare of searchlights so that German anti-aircraft gunners can't see their targets! It's a good story, which the British say is the bunk. True or false, it's an alibi that will not carry any reassurance to German men and women as they cower in shelters and listen to bomb explosions.

The Germans have always loved to dish it out. They don't like to take it.

Mass-Minded

If you do not follow the big crowd these days you're very apt to be called an "appeaser," which is a synonym for the World War word "pacifist." This is the danger in our National Capitol today.

Most people like to keep in step with opinion even though they have to follow with the sheep. In Washington and throughout the country mass-minded is doing a lot of damage. But "appeasers" and "pacifists" usually have constructive conversation to back their opinions, for the very good reason that they do their own thinking. When a Nation lets one man do most of the thinking and planning then that Nation becomes an intellectual goose-stepper. That's the trouble with Germany. In short, God was good enough to give each of us a brain, and we ought to use it in genuine efforts to reach sound conclusions regarding all public questions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green and little John A. Preston Reeves, of Boone, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Reeves.

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Richardson of Boone visited Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Richardson last week-end.

Our world...

Same Story of Destruction

London, Sept. 11.—Nazi bombers smashed at London with increasing violence early today in their fourth consecutive dusk-to-dawn rodeo of destruction. Until early this morning, the attack was much less ferocious than the previous three. Then the pace stepped up until four separate squadrons were wheeling about the capital at the same time at opposite points of the compass.

Conscription Bill in Difficulty

Washington, Sept. 10.—A long session of the senate-house committee appointed to write a compromise version of the conscription bill ended tonight in a deadlock on the age limits of the men to be subjected to the draft.

Senator Pepper Puts It Plainly

Charlotte, Sept. 10.—Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat, of Florida, defended tonight the American and British way of life against the philosophy of totalitarian nations and declared that Americans "are willing to lay down their economic resources as an obstacle to Hitler and his cruel, petty, backstabbing satellite Mussolini." Should Hitler defeat "brave, courageous Britain," Pepper told a patriotic rally, the United States would find herself with "no big army, no adequate navy, hoping against the dictates of common sense that in some manner we might be spared."

Speaker Bankhead Quite Ill

Baltimore, Sept. 11.—Sixty-six-year-old William B. Bankhead, speaker of the house of representatives and national Democratic leader, was reported ill at a Baltimore hotel last night following a painful attack of sciatica which caused him to faint. His illness came a short time before he was to make an address opening the Democratic campaign in Maryland.

Snap Shots and Sun Spots

My, my, the days of county fairs are indeed with us. From Galax to North Wilkesboro to West Jefferson to Elkin to Mt. Airy to Hendersonville to Sparta to Raleigh—and even with the automobiles it keeps us hopping. Well, take your choice, or take them all in if you wish, for the highways are good. But for the smoothest, sweetest, fastest ride you've had in months or years just try that beautiful new road from the Rock Hill south of Galax through Low Gap to Mt. Airy. If you're not thrilled it's because something's wrong with you.

And some day Route 18 from Sparta through Ennice will be hard surfaced, and that will put Sparta just so much nearer to the world outside Alleghany County. Also it will provide a better and shorter through route from North Wilkesboro and south to Galax and Roanoke. On Route 18 the recent floods damaged the approaches to several bridges. Some have been repaired, and two are under repair—with detours on temporary bridges for the meantime.

Some fellow was terribly agitated recently because he imagined we were neglecting Sparta business houses in our advertising columns. That would be too bad indeed. We are always glad to favor Sparta in every possible way, but we cannot dictate where the businesses shall place their advertising. We go after advertising where it can be gotten. And as for Sparta we note with considerable satisfaction that in last week's issue the Star-Times advertised no less than 30 local Sparta and Alleghany—firms and ads. It would seem that Sparta is doing fairly well.

The County Office Building or Assembly Building and the new Baptist Church are both growing up, what with the large force of men at work on each. And they both will add much to Sparta. The Alleghany Motor Co. is built up in front, and they are steadily

For Vaccinations and Schick tests

—Mrs. Greene, the County Nurse, will visit the schools listed below at the times given. These vaccinations will be against typhoid, diphtheria and smallpox. Tuberculin and schick tests will also be done. People are urged to take typhoid vaccination that have not had it in the last two years. The law requires all children in the first and second grades to be immunized against diphtheria (membraneous croup). All parents who have children over six months of age are asked to bring them to one of these schools.

Wednesday, September 18 to 25, and October 2: Vox, 9:00 a. m.; Blevins X Roads, 10:30 a. m.; Little Pine, 12:30 p. m.; Glade Creek (col.), 2 p. m. and Dividing Ridge, 3 p. m.

Thursday, September 19 to 26, and October 3: Gap Civil (col.), 9 a. m.; Turkey Knob, 10:30 a. m., and Piney Creek, 1 p. m.

Friday, September 20 to 27, and October 4: Stratford, 9 a. m.; Irwin, 10 a. m.; New Hope, 11 a. m.; Topia Post Office, 1 p. m., and Prathers Creek (col.) 3 p. m.

Monday, September 23 to 30, and October 7: Wolfe Branch, 9 a. m.; Pine Swamp, 10:30 a. m.; Airbells, 1 p. m., and Cherry Lane (col.), 2:30 p. m.

Further announcements will be made for other schools.

building on at the back, so some day, they will be entirely rebuilt. Smithey's addition and enlargement and rearrangement of the interior seems as though it had doubled the size and capacity of the store. It is a joy to go in, upstairs or down, and look around. And that Lunch Counter is a hit, indeed.

Enough. But if you are missing the Pathfinder these days you're missing something good, and don't go and say we didn't tell you.

ALLEGHANY STAR-TIMES

OVER HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY

52nd Year. N. 4.

Sparta, N. C.

Thursday, September 12, 1940.

Entertainment and features extraordinary

—will headline the first annual Western North Carolina Agricultural and Industrial fair, to be held at Hendersonville September 17-21, inclusive.

The fair will present on the midway the Cetlin and Wilson "World on Parade" shows, the country's most popular midway attraction, with sixteen riding devices and eighteen shows offering a wide variety of entertainment.

The grandstand attractions will be entirely separate, and will be presented each afternoon and night of fair week. They will feature the Watkins Circus, one of the world's best-known trained animal groups, and the Glamour Girl Frolics, a specially designed outdoor revue under the direction of Pearl Haines.

One of the outstanding attractions on the midway will be a free show in which Vittorio Zucchini, the human cannon ball, will allow himself to be shot from the mouth of a monster cannon over two towering ferris wheels. Arrangements also are being made looking toward having the Great Zucchini appear before the grandstand. Zucchini's act has been selected by a board of show judges as the outstanding act presented on any midway and at any fair in the country.

The colorful and music-filled midway shows also will include the scintillating Paradise Night Club song and dance revue; Speedy Merrill's Wall of Death Motordrome, Arctic Girls Frozen alive in ice; Lauther's big sideshow of human oddities; Stranger than they Seem show; Van Ault's Big Arcade of Penny Amusement; Hot Harley's show, Miss America Tableau a la Ziegfeld; The Glitter Gals; Fitzpatrick's Wild Life Exhibit, and R. R. Garfield and his Hall of Science.

The Watkins circus with 35 trained animals—enough, incidentally, to stock the rings of any circus, has a fastmoving and highly entertaining routine which is expected to draw hundreds of repeaters to the grandstand during the fair.

In addition to its entertainment features the fair will, of course, present hundreds of educational and interesting agricultural, industrial and domestic exhibits. Two of the highlights of the fair will be the eighth annual Western North Carolina Fat Stock Show, held hitherto in Asheville, and the Western North Carolina Automobile Show, at which new 1941 models will be shown for the first time in North Carolina.

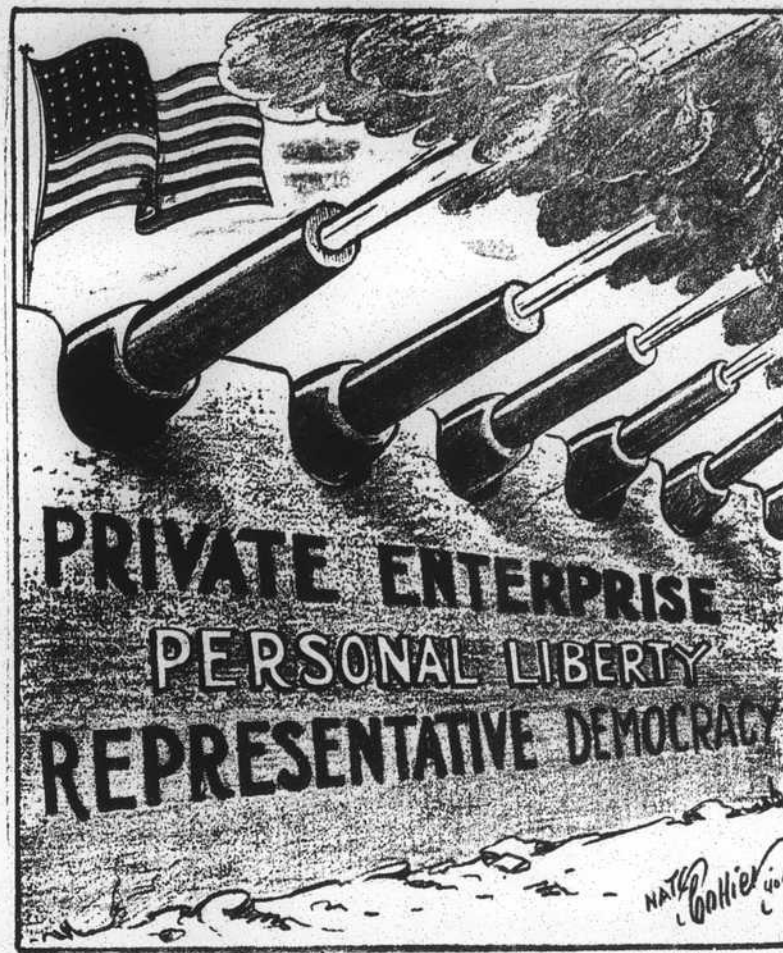
Mrs. Ollie Edwards was honored

—by her children and grandchildren when they gathered on Sunday, September 8th, to help celebrate her 68th birthday anniversary at her daughter's, Mrs. Major Joines, Whitehead, with a grand picnic dinner spread on the lawn.

Attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Grubbs and daughter, Peggy Ann, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Caudell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Joines, of Galax, Josh Caudill, of Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hampton and son, Carlene, of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards and daughters, Edna and Ella, of Sparta, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Elgin Edwards and children, Billy and Jane, of Vernal, Utah.

China's salt famine has been broken.

THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH.



Mrs. Clay Thompson was hostess

—to the Glade Valley Auxiliary Monday night. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. Berry.

Mrs. Ellen Guerrant of the school faculty conducted the devotional.

Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Gentry, Mrs. Page Thompson, and Mrs. Rush Thompson, presented an interesting program on Home Mission Work in the Presbytery and Synod, of North Carolina.

Rev. R. L. Berry gave a brief message on Loyalty, as September is loyalty month in the Presbyterian Church.

The hostess served a salad and sweet course to eleven members and two visitors at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. C. C. Thompson will be hostess for the October meeting, with Mrs. Clay Thompson as program leader.

Anniversaries

One hundred and twenty-six years ago tomorrow Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," which has come to be our national anthem. But today the feeling in the hearts of the people seems to find more ready expression in two later songs, "America The Beautiful" and "God Bless America."

This Saturday is our Senator Josiah W. Bailey's 67th birthday anniversary.

And this coming Sunday is the 85th birthday anniversary of our neighbor over on New River, who sends the fine granite for our buildings, Alex Woodruff.

"Hearty Good Wishes"

Next Tuesday, just 144 years ago, President George Washington declined a third term and delivered his notable Farewell Address.

Premiums totaling \$17,500 will be offered

—to exhibitors at the 84th annual State Fair to be held at Raleigh, October 8 through 12, Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager, announced today.

Premiums will be limited to North Carolinians in keeping with a policy established in 1937 when State Department of Agriculture took over management of the Fair following operation for several years under private management. Prize money will be larger than in 1939.

The 1940 State Fair will have 19 divisions.

Edwin Duncan, Jr., will be one of the new cadets

—at Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va. when on next Monday it opens for its 62nd session with an enrollment that will break all past records. Edwin Jr. is a son of Edwin Duncan, of the Northwestern Bank in Sparta.

Fishburne School has been filled to capacity for the past several years and the completion last spring of an extensive building program affords facilities for a larger student body for the coming session.

Colonel Morgan H. Hudgins, superintendent, announced today that his staff of instructors will remain practically the same as last year.

Why?

We are against a "third term" for any man, be he Democrat, Republican or New Dealer. And the idea that the Democratic party has but one man capable of being President is absolutely ridiculous.

—Yellow Jacket.

Why should we vote for Franklin D., when he had to draw on the G. O. P. for a man to send our ships to sea?—Yellow Jacket.

Two outstanding citizens have passed away

—in the last few days, and Alleghany County is definitely poorer for their passing. Both were 77 years of age, and they died almost within 24 hours of each other.

George W. Miles has been called one of the greatest preachers Alleghany County ever produced, and the magnificent profusion of flowers at his funeral at Woodruff Church on Saturday, September 7 testified to the great esteem in which he was held. Not only flowers, but by careful count there were some 1,250 people who attended the funeral, and the autos and cars numbered around 200. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Alleghany County. Mr. Miles, the son of a preacher, taught school for 45 years, and died at his son's home, September 5.

William E. Horton, who lived opposite the Sid Thomas farm, from which the name Twin Oaks came, was no less a great man, though his paths led him in the quieter paths of farming. For years he managed the Sid Thomas farm profitably, and as fine a tribute as could be paid when a man of influence remarked that he would be glad to own a farm if he could get a man like William Horton to run it.

He passed away Friday, September 6 and was laid to rest in Elk Creek Cemetery on Saturday, September 7 in the presence of a large audience of sincere mourners.

Whether these two men left wealth is not a great matter, but that they both had developed genuine characters and had won the good name that is greater than wealth is very certain.

Uncle Ed.—"Why Johnny, you don't swear, do you?" Johnny—"No, I don't swear, but I know all the words."

NOTICE

All persons interested in the condition of the Center Edwards Cemetery, 1 1/2 miles north of Sparta, are requested to be present there Saturday morning, September 14th at 8 o'clock.

J. Elgin Edwards

Coming Events

- GREAT GALAX FAIR Galax, Sept. 9 to 14
- ELKIN FAIR Elkin, Sept. 10-14
- NORTHWESTERN FAIR N. Wilkesboro, Sept. 10 to 14
- UNION BAPTIST ASSN. Liberty Church, Sept. 13, 14, 15.
- GREATER MT. AIRY FAIR Mt. Airy Fair Grounds Sept. 16-23.
- WESTERN N. C. AGRI. FAIR Hendersonville, Sept. 17-21
- ASHE COUNTY FAIR W. Jefferson, Sept. 17-21.
- COURT WEEK Sparta, Sept. 23 to —
- ALLEGHANY COUNTY FAIR Sparta, Sept. 27, 28

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