



Washington, D. C.—The world is in a turmoil today because of compromise—compromise with evil. Most of the troubles with which it is afflicted could have been stopped at their inception—had it not been for compromise. Whatever may be charged in this respect against European nations as a whole, some of the democracies of the world were guilty of certain weaknesses which contributed to the catastrophe now facing us. To what extent the United States must share this responsibility is a debatable question, but there is no doubt that in the final analysis we must now suffer the consequences with the other democracies.

Had Kerensky been backed by the democracies of the world when he attempted to establish a genuine democracy in Russia, we would not have had to face the menace of Communism, which was forced on the masses of Russia because the democracies stopped to compromise with the Bolsheviks.

Had we not compromised with Japan over the invasion of Manchuria, China would not now be laid waste and the whole Far East threatened with war for many years to come.

Had we not compromised with Hitler when he started to rearm and when he began his persecutions in Germany; when he introduced his Nuremberg racial laws; when he conducted his fake trials of the Catholic priests; when he sent thousands of Protestant pastors to concentration camps—had we not compromised then, the world would not be in the grip of the most destructive war in history.

Had we not compromised with Italy over Ethiopia, Albania would have been saved and the Mediterranean would not be a raging theatre of war.

"Japan needs to expand," it was explained, but no mention was made of the fact that buying land costs less than waging war to seize it unlawfully.

"Hitler is resurrecting Germany," it was declared, but little was said of the crushing of labor, the stultification of education, the wiping out of the non-Aryans, and the attack upon Christianity itself.

"After all, the Ethiopians are a savage people," we smugly remarked, overlooking the fact that Ethiopia had been considered civilized enough to join the League of Nations as a sister nation. We compromised with cruelty, with injustice, with theft and with murder—and we are now paying the price for that compromise.

If we are to help save what remains of civilization, we must call a halt to the policy of compromise with evil. We cannot save the millions who have already died—but we can help save those who remain. Even at this late day we may stand by the principles of true democracy, and at least declare these principles so that the world may know what we believe. Let us be done with compromise—let us live up to our standards and beliefs.

Our world...

Germans Recognize British Bravery

Berlin, Sept. 16.—German pilots conducting a relentless bombing onslaught against London are encountering heroic resistance, they declared today. The great concentration of air defenders about the British capital accounts for bitter fighting and a consequent sharp increase in casualties on each side.

Japan Wants a Clear Path

Hanoi, French Indo-China, Sept. 17.—The crisis between Japan and French Indo-China headed swiftly toward a possible explosive showdown tonight, and Japanese ships were on the way to take out their nationals if necessary. Japan demands troop transit across French Indo-China to enable her to strike at China along Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's vulnerable southern border, and a naval base at Haiphong, strategic port on the Gulf of Tonkin.

That German "Master Race" Again

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Thousands of leaflets extolling the German "master race" and vilifying Poles as second-rate human beings were distributed to Berlin households today by the "Volksbund for Germanism abroad." "Fellow German! The Pole is never your comrade! He stands beneath every German on your farm or in your factory. Be just, as becomes a German, but never forget that you belong to the master race."

British Courage Wins Once More

London, Sept. 15.—A British "suicide squad" dug for four breathless days and nights, then triumphantly trundled a 1,100-pound German time-bomb from the precincts of St. Paul's cathedral late today and cheered lustily as it was detonated harmlessly in the Hackney marshes.

Victoria Cross For Conspicuous Gallantry

London, Sept. 17.—Award of the Victoria Cross, highest decoration for bravery at Britain's disposal, to Lieut. Robert Davies and his "suicide squad" of four men who removed a delayed action bomb from historic St. Paul's Cathedral, was urged today by The News Chronicle. There was some doubt whether the V. C. could be given in the circumstances, since it is awarded for conspicuous gallantry "in the presence of the enemy." But The News Chronicle observed that "if their action is not gallantry at its most conspicuous, then there is no such quality as bravery." The Times called the feat of the squad in digging up the bomb, carting it to the outskirts of the city and exploding it harmlessly "The outstanding deed of heroism so far recorded in the capital."

A Noble American Passes

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—Speaker William B. Bankhead, of Alabama, died early Sunday morning of an internal hemorrhage, after having become ill Tuesday night in Baltimore, where he was preparing to speak at a Democratic rally.

President Roosevelt Joins in Tribute

Jasper, Ala., Sept. 17.—President Roosevelt, a host of national leaders, and thousands of humble folk joined in paying final tribute today to House Speaker William B. Bankhead in this quiet little North Alabama community. The President, six members of his cabinet, and nearly 100 members of Congress sat with the speaker's family and close hometown friends in the First Methodist Church where funeral services were conducted for the veteran political leader. The 66-year-old speaker, who died early Sunday of a ruptured abdominal artery, was first elected to the "war Congress" of 1917-1918.

The fifty-second consecutive "Hour of Charm"

—program will be broadcast next Sunday night, September 22, and thirty lovely ladies, members of Phil Spitalny's famed all-girl orchestra, will celebrate the start of their fifth year on the air for General Electric, and quite appropriately the ladies will have the run of the entire program with Evelyn of the Magic Violin replacing Maestro Spitalny on the podium. Conversationally, the girls will recount the past history of the orchestra, how it came to be sponsored and how its existence has given new hope to young feminine musicians wishing to get ahead in the world of music. They'll sing and play the first number ever presented on the "Hour of Charm" and will offer a salute to each of the past five years by playing selections popular in each of the periods. For the first time since the orchestra auditioned for General Electric, Mr. Spitalny will not be on the broadcast stage but

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Robert H. McNeill will discuss campaign issues

—in Sparta Court House on the evening of Thursday, September 26, for all who will to hear. Mr. McNeill is an attorney of Statesville and Washington, D. C., and the Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina. He addressed a large and enthusiastic audience last Saturday night in Jefferson Court House where he formerly practiced as a lawyer, and some from Alleghany persuaded him to come to Sparta and discuss campaign issues further.

The meeting will be addressed also by Mr. Monroe Adams, of Statesville, Republican candidate for the national congress, and should be very interesting. No doubt the small Court Room will be filled to overflowing.

Governor Hoey to Speak at Statesville Carnation Event

Governor Clyde Roark Hoey, of North Carolina, is scheduled to deliver an address in Statesville, N. C., on Wednesday, October 2, on the occasion of an "open house" event to be conducted by the Carnation Company, which operates a milk condensing plant in Galax. The Carnation Company has recently completed a new condensing plant in Statesville.

The Statesville event is expected to be attended by between 6,000 and 7,000 persons, from the 32 counties in which milk routes of the company are located, these including three counties in South Carolina, as well as Cleveland and Stanly Counties in North Carolina, in which the Carnation Company has milk receiving stations.

Governor Hoey, who will speak at two o'clock in the afternoon, will dedicate the industry to the section of North Carolina lying around Statesville. Other speakers on the program will be former Governor Cameron Morrison, of North Carolina; A. C. Oosterhuis, of the dairy division of the Carnation Company, and John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist of North Carolina State College, Raleigh.

"To keep a snake from biting you, croon to it," advises a herpetologist. There are some things we wouldn't stoop to doing, even to keep a snake from biting us. Crooning is one of them.—St. Louis Star-Times.

will occupy a front row seat in the audience... thus making the show a truly all-girl show.

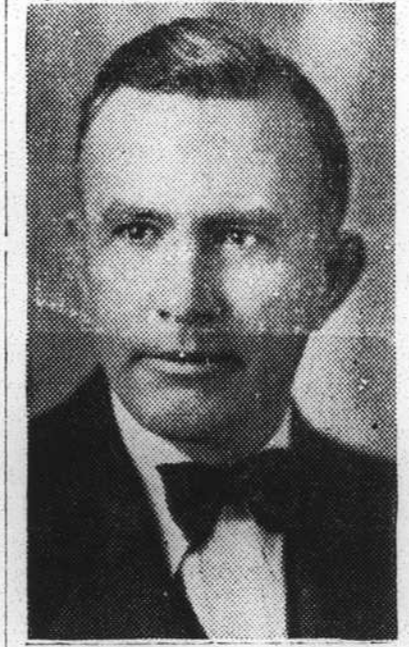
Another, and Bigger Snake Story came

—in this week from Carl Andrews who is doing the stone work on the Baptist Church and Wayne Waddell's house. And, this time the evidence came right along with the story, so all Sparta could see if they would.

Some W. P. A. boys killed a water moccasin snake 42 inches long out on their job somewhere and brought it along to Paul Crouse's filling station to show. Carl Andrews noticed it looked a bit puffed and wondered if it had swallowed a rabbit. So, curious to see, he opened the snake and found no rabbit—but he did find forty little wriggling snakes, every last one of which was just seven inches long.

So there, 41 snakes, and not a snake egg in sight anywhere.

Heads Sheriffs



Chatham county's Sheriff G. H. Andrews (above) is the newly elected president of the North Carolina Sheriffs association. He succeeded Sheriff C. David Jones of New Hanover. In a letter to State Director Edgar H. Blain, President Andrews commended the Sheriffs and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee for its "outstanding and efficient service" in ridding the state of more than 100 undesirable beer outlets as a part of the "clean up or close up" campaign.

Revival Services

—will be held with New River Baptist Church beginning Sunday, Sept. 22 with Rev. A. K. Taylor and Rev. L. P. Stamper in charge.

It is the "pioneer tradition" that Mr. McNary seeks to recapture. Nor was it merely sentiment which turned his thoughts to the men and women who settled the Oregon country without the aid of Government subsidies or direction. Many who are far away from the pioneer tradition realize that a human quality of inestimable value has been weakened during the last seven years.—Washington Post.

President Roosevelt, in dedicating the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Sept. 2, said—"The greatest attack that has ever been launched against the freedom of the individual is nearer the Americas than ever before," and added, "If the spirit of God is not in us and if we will not prepare to give all that we have and all that we are to preserve Christian civilization in our own land, we shall go to destruction."



Monroe Adams of Statesville will speak

—on some of the issues in the present political campaign at the big rally to be held in Sparta Court House

Thursday night, September 26. Mr. Adams is the Republican candidate for representative to the national congress, and is not new as a campaigner. His coming on the same night that Robert McNeill is to speak insures that there will be enough discussion to more than fill Sparta Court Room with interested Alleghany voters.

A birthday celebration for J. M. Wagoner

—and a family reunion were held on Sunday September 8 at the old home place near Vox where the family was reared. Saturday, September 7th, was Mr. Wagoner's 74th birthday anniversary, and eight of his eleven children were present with their children to enjoy the occasion.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagoner of Sparta, Dr. B. A. Wagoner and sons, Arlington and John, of Wytheville, Va., Dr. W. G. Wagoner and son, Billie, of Bluefield, Va., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Higgins and family of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Sparger and daughter, Margaret, of Dobson, Mrs. Oscar Wagoner and son, Lewis, of Sparta, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook of Westfield, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Childers, of White Plains, Earl Wagoner, of China Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wagoner and son Ronnie of Athens, Ohio, Mrs. Bill Roberts and daughter Louise of Independence, and Mrs. Morris Edwards and children. Later visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Truitt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Truitt and Mrs. J. C. Blevins.

Four Thoughts for The Thoughtful

A good look may save a good life. Perfect your own driving before you knock the other driver's. Let the race driver do the speeding—drive sanely. Famous last words—"I'll get those brakes fixed tomorrow."

PROFITABLE NAP

In Kansas City, Kas., Joseph Dahlin, motor car dealer, fell asleep in the lobby of a bank. He awoke to find 29 cents in the hat he had been holding in his lap.

Court Week will begin Monday

—and there are ten cases on the Criminal Docket to be called, and seven on the Civil Docket. Of the civil

cases the majority are over lands and land deals, though one is a damage suit. Of the criminal cases four are charges concerning drunken driving, against Charlie Wright, Talmadge Williams, Everett Hoppers, and Dwight Baldwin. Bert Hendrix is charged with forgery; Arlie Crouse and Arlie Maines are charged with manufacturing whiskey; Roy Poole is charged with violation of the prohibition law; and Junior Wright, Coy Kirby and Hopkins Brannock are charged with larceny.

The Annual Reunion of the Woodruff

—Thompson-Myers families was held at the lovely country home of W. W. Woodruff near Booneville, Sunday, September 8th. Members of the clans estimated at three hundred were present from New Jersey, Tennessee, Virginia and many sections of North Carolina.

Rev. Raymond Connell, Booneville minister, gave the address of welcome and a local quartet rendered some beautiful sacred selections. The invitation of T. N. Woodruff, of Low Gap to hold the tri-family reunion next year at Cumberland Knob Park near Low Gap, the second Sunday in September was accepted. T. N. Woodruff was elected president and will have charge of all plans and arrangements for the 1941 reunion.

A sumptuous picnic dinner was served on a long table erected in a nearby grove. When all were gathered at the table Rev. Mr. Connell invoked God's blessing on the gathering and Rev. I. M. Myers prayed that God in his own good time and way would restore "Peace on earth and good will toward men". Following this "Uncle" Dave Woodruff handed in his resignation as "Father of the Reunion" and designated Noah Myers of Winston-Salem as his successor.

Perhaps more than anything else, democracy and common sense are characteristic of Wendell Willkie, for they profoundly govern his thoughts not only in his private life but also in the way he relates himself and his fellow man to the nation's complex domestic problems and to its perilous position in a world at war. It should be said in passing at this point that Willkie passionately believes in all the things democracy stands for.—Pathfinder

Coming Events

- GREATERT MT. AIRY FAIR Mt. Airy Fair Grounds Sept. 16-23.
- WESTERN N. C. AGRIC. FAIR Hendersonville, Sept. 17-21
- ASHE COUNTY FAIR W. Jefferson, Sept. 17-21.
- COURT WEEK Sparta, Sept. 23 to —
- CAMPAIGN ISSUES Sparta Court House, Sept. 26
- ALLEGHANY COUNTY FAIR Sparta, Sept. 27, 28
- N. C. STATE FAIR Raleigh, Oct. 8 to 12

Moose Musical Jamboree

Friday, September 27, at 8 o'clock SPARTA SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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