



Washington, D. C.—To take a cold-blooded view, the second world war means prosperity for the U. S. for at least two to three years to come. It means the largest payrolls, and the heaviest since the booming twenties. It means an all-time high in industrial production to be reached within a few months.

That's the consensus of 4,000 delegates at the 66th annual convention of the American Bankers Association, a poll of the money handlers disclosed to your reporters.

From other sources, we find that building activities have reached a new ten-year peak. Industrial contracts are up 20%. Residential building is 25% over September 1939. The stimulus: the re-armament program and the desire to get the jump on rising costs. All of which, boiled down to one word, spells "Boom!" A controlled boom, we hope!

The recent trend toward Roosevelt, revealed in Gallup polls and Fortune Magazine, is centering attention on a political factor that deserves attention: the several million voters who are partly or wholly dependent upon government checks for their livelihood. These men and women will listen to arguments that a change of Administration might affect the flow of checks. Whether these arguments will prove decisive is conjecturable. Republicans, however, are faced with the problem of overcoming the tremendous advantages that go to the party in power at a time when immense amounts of money are being spent. Only by overcoming this obstacle can the GOP regain the initiative. A hard task but not an insurmountable one!

The military treaty signed in Berlin last week between Italy, Germany and Japan is regarded in Washington as merely the formal signing of an agreement which has been in effect for at least two years.

The document is meant to slow up American assistance to England by forcing the U. S. to concentrate its energies on meeting the threat in the Pacific. Unofficially, high circles here and in London regard the pact as an empty threat. It simply confirms that, more than ever, the United States must pursue a two-ocean navy policy.

The people of Great Britain have become well used to air raids. Almost as familiar as the siren's frantic warning scale are the dull crump of bombs and the sharper crack of A. A. guns. Housewives have learned to distinguish between the steady drone of a British fighter and the synopated bombing of a Nazi bomber.

As night raids sweep the country, folk change their habits. At first, citizens who fled to communal shelters set out to enjoy themselves: they played cards or games, sang and talked. But sleepy eyes and tired limbs next day soon stopped that. Result: shops selling air mattresses, camp stools, pillows and beds had a short, terrific boom which ended when stocks were all sold.

Moving Time In Sparta

Several families are moving just now, getting settled for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans have moved to the Leff Joines house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Waddell have moved into their fine new home down by Little River.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chester have moved into one of Clinton Halsey's apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Coombs occupy the other Halsey apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gentry have moved into their freshly rebuilt and renovated house opposite Troy Irwin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Choate

Our world...

The Spirit of the British Empire

London, Oct. 2.—A blazing shield of shellfire and the guns of patrolling "Nighthawk" fighter planes last night swept Adolph Hitler's air raiders out of the sky over London, where bursting bombs have taken an unofficially estimated toll of 5,000 dead and 8,000 wounded in 30 days. During the daylight attacks high explosives and oil bombs spread death, destruction and suffering over two thickly-populated London districts before patrolling defense planes beat off the attackers. And yet, and yet, the most popular British war song, which is being sung and whistled by Britons everywhere as the threatened Nazi invasion is grimly and gayly fought off, is,—

There'll always be an England
While there's a country lane,
Wherever there's a cottage small
Beside a field of grain.

There'll always be an England
And England shall be free
If England means as much to you
As England means to me.

Hitler Asks Where We Stand

Berlin, Oct. 2.—Germany yesterday called upon Russia and the United States, through one of her most authoritative organs, to announce their "final positions" in the European war either on the side of Great Britain or the Axis powers.

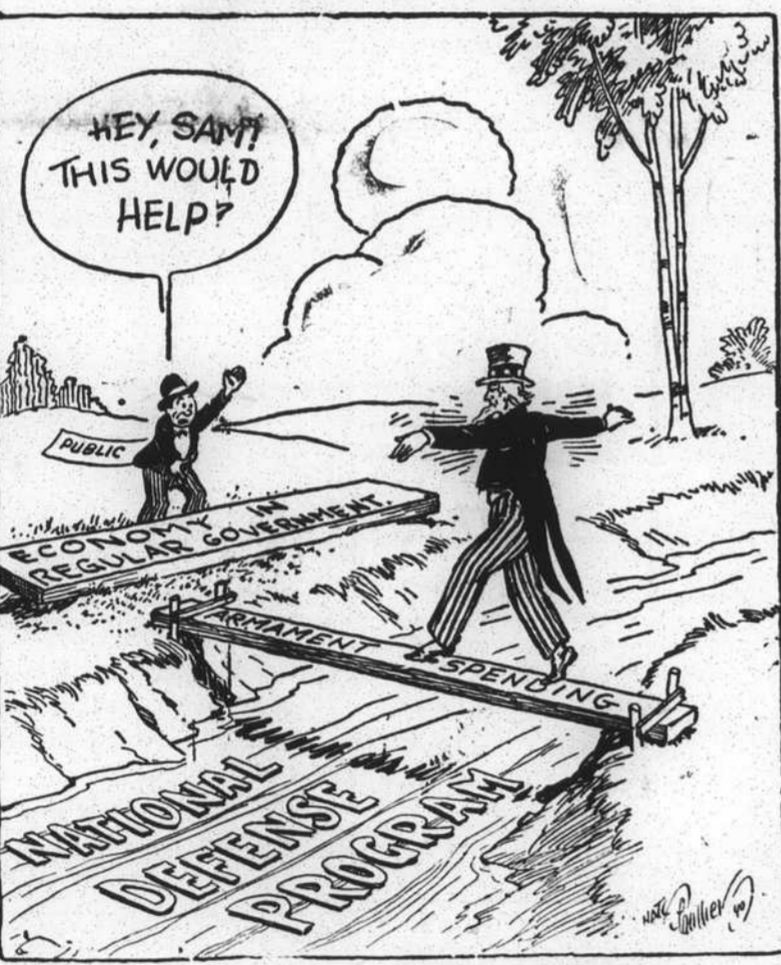
Britain Prepares for New Crisis

London, Oct. 2.—The continued fury of mass plane attacks on England, and Spain's reputed axis alignment give point to Great Britain's preparation for a new war crisis in October—involving an expected axis campaign against Gibraltar and an Indian Summer attempt to invade England. The British believe the German army will seek to cross the Pyrenees to attack Gibraltar from bases in Spain and Spanish Morocco. As the English see it, Italy will seize Bizerte, French naval base in Africa. The attack on Gibraltar is intended to draw off the British fleet from defense of England to relieve Gibraltar and to bottle up the British Mediterranean fleet. This would leave a way open for the Germans to attack England during mild October weather.

University Teacher Passes

Chapel Hill, Oct. 2.—William Benjamin Napier, 30, an instructor in the department of romance languages of the university, was found dead in the gas-filled bathroom of his home here early last night. Napier had been in ill health for sometime and was recuperating from an attack of pneumonia.

GOOD ADVICE!



The stern judge looked at the ragged prisoner who was before the bar for vagrancy.

"Have you ever earned an honest dollar in your life?" he asked scornfully.

"Yes, your honor," replied the vagrant. "I voted for you last election day."

For hospitalization \$165,000 was spent by North Carolina's hundred counties during the last half of 1939, with five counties spending almost one-fourth the total outlay for hospitalization of the needy.

plan to move to the McNear cottage.

Sparta Hunters Have Gone East

Following the excitement of Court Week and the Alleghany Fair all in one week the town seems very solemn and sober—not to say somber—this week.

One of the chief reasons is that so many familiar figures have gone away to the eastern part of the state on a hunting expedition. So, if you're looking for Dr. Leff Choate, don't look any further. He's gone, and so have Deway Sturdivant and Robert Gambill and David Higgins and Cleve Reeves and Amos Wagoner and Ben Reeves, and maybe others, on a deer hunt in southeastern parts. From last Sunday to when they come back will be a week or more.

ALLEGHANY STAR TIMES

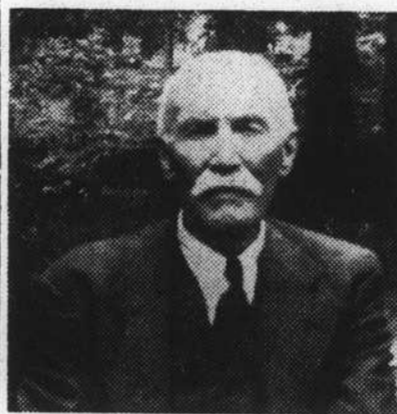
OVER HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY

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A Noble Man Has Gone from Among Us



ELDER GEO. W. MILES

Elder George W. Miles, whose passing was noted in these columns in the issue of September 12, was the son of Elder William Miles and Margaret Roberts Miles, born May 10, 1863, and died on September 5, 1940 at the age of 77. In 1892 he was married to Lura Ella Gentry. Of their five children there are surviving Mrs. Myrtle E. Royal of Miles, N. C., Charlie Miles of Trap Hill, Dr. Walter W. Miles of Champion, and Prof. Kelly G. Miles of Boone. His wife preceded him in death in 1926. He leaves two brothers, John T. Miles of Cherry Lane, and William T. Miles of Elkin, and one sister, Ellen Miles of Miles.

In 1885 he united with the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, and in 1893 was ordained as a deacon. In 1897 he was elected clerk of the Primitive Baptist Association. In 1909 he was ordained to the ministry, and in 1916 was chosen Moderator of the Association, in which capacity he served continuously until his death.

George W. Miles was educated in the public schools of Wilkes County and at Fairview College in Trap Hill. He taught in the schools of Alleghany and Wilkes counties for fifty terms and engaged in mercantile business at Cherry Lane and at Miles for a number of years. He served as Justice of the Peace for forty years, and it is said he worked out compromises in ten times as many cases as he tried.

He was an honorable man, fair minded and upright, who enjoyed serving his fellow man. His knowledge of the Bible was rarely surpassed because his custom was to read it through each year. As a preacher he had a convincing way and at the last church service he ever attended,—at Cherry Lane in July, when he was asked to say the benediction, though he had to have assistance to rise to his feet, his words were with such power that the audience wept.

Funeral services were carried out according to his request and he was buried in Woodruff cemetery.

Marriages

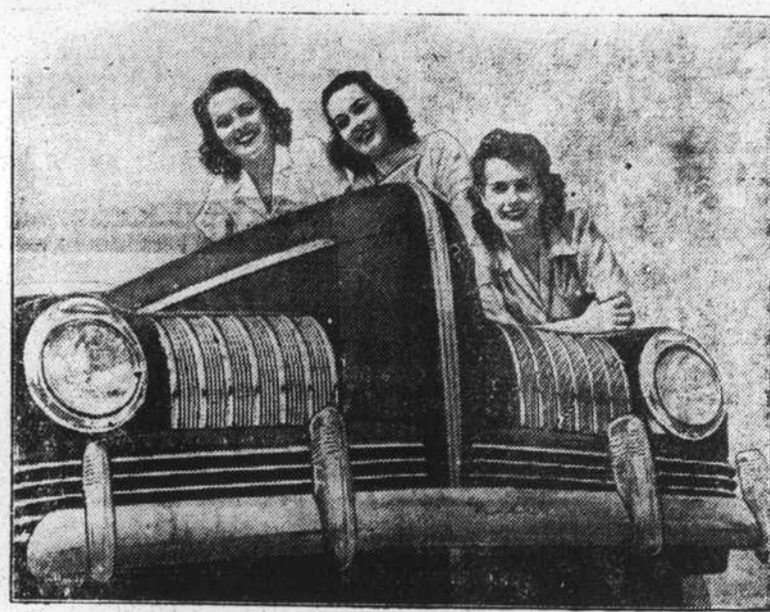
EVANS—BOYER

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyer, of Independence, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lorraine, to Page Evans, of Sparta. The marriage was performed by Rev. J. A. Hardin, of Bland, Virginia, on March 24, 1940.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Evans, of Edwards Crossroads, and is employed in the grocery department of Smithy's Store in Sparta.

They have gone to Baltimore and Bel Air, Md., for a visit and expect to return to Sparta soon.

Newest Low-Price Car



A challenge to Ford, Chevrolet and Plymouth in the mass automobile market is this newest low-priced car, which is announced by Nash Motors along with two other series of 1941 models. This low-priced Nash is a big car, and has coil springs on all four wheels, a feature never before seen in the low-priced car market.

Robert McNeill and Governor Hoey Will Open the 84th Annual Fair

A good crowd gathered in the Court House last Thursday night to hear the Republican candidate for Governor speak on national and state issues. It was not so much a display of fiery political oratory as it was a simple and forceful discussion of fundamental American principles and an appeal to all for sober and serious thinking, and intelligent acting. France was a democracy, but she went down to ruin because of confused thinking. Mr. McNeill's speech was one not soon to be forgotten by those who took advantage of the opportunity to hear him.

Monroe Adams, of Statesville, who is running for national congress in the Ninth North Carolina district, spoke briefly, but very pointedly, on our runaway national debt and the serious dangers in continuance of such reckless spending. Years ago there was a theory about a balanced budget, but it isn't discussed now. If American voters are content to go on and on they will have only themselves to blame when the day of a crash comes.

A Near-Fatal Accident Last Sunday

Bert Delp who lives over Rex Mitchell's store next to Modern Dry Cleaners wanted to do some adjusting under his car, and drove it up the bank between his house and the cleaning establishment. In loosening the axle the hold of the brakes was loosened and the car rolled down onto Mr. Delp's head and shoulders and mangled him rather seriously. Fortunately he was able to secure medical help promptly, and Tuesday he was around town.

North Carolina ranks forty-eighth in diphtheria death rate, but Dr. Thomas Parran, U. S. Surgeon General is of the opinion that the 1939 compulsory vaccination law shortly would afford some remedy for this situation.

North Carolina's 84th annual State Fair will open at Raleigh Tuesday, October 8, featuring 92,000 square feet of agricultural, industrial and educational exhibits, for which \$17,500 in premiums will be offered. Governor Hoey will officially open the 1940 exposition which will be operated through October 12.

"Balanced Property in the South, 1940-50" will be the theme of the Fair this year. Premiums will be limited to Tar Heel exhibitors.

The 1940 exposition will again be presented as a "State Institution" this year, having been taken over by the State Department of Agriculture three years ago. Previously, the Fair was operated under private lease.

While the educational features of the Fair will be paramount, ample entertainment will be provided on the mile-long midway by the World of Mirth Shows (42 rides and shows); nine choice grandstand acts and a colorful musical revue presented by George Hamid of New York City.

Thrill seekers will be offered motorcycle races, automobile and harness races, all officially sanctioned. Lucky Teter and His Hell Drivers, will present 28 high-speed auto and motorcycle stunts.

School children of the State will be guests of the exposition on Friday, October 11; Vocational Agriculture Day will be observed Thursday, October 10; Army and Navy Day will be Saturday, October 12.

Cooperating agencies in the presentation of the 1940 State Fair include the State College Extension Service, State Department of Public Instruction, N. C. State College, federal agencies and others.

That is the record for the sales at the stand in the Fair which served hamburgers, hot dogs and coffee, cold drinks and candy. The profits from these sales go to the Woman's Club for their fund toward the erection of the new Assembly Building.

Due to industrial research, phonograph records can now be played by photo-electric light.

A Very Successful Alleghany Fair This Year

Mr. Black, the County Agent, considers that when 230 individuals make entries of corn or hogs or canned goods or crocheting at the Fair it is indication of pretty general and healthy interest. And then when 700 others pay a dime each to enter the gates and see the exhibits on a single day it shows considerable further interest. Also, it should be remembered that the Alleghany Fair is still one of those fairs that emphasize the importance of man's handiwork and efforts. Alleghany Fair offers interest in fine horses and poultry and women's handicrafts, and leaves out many of the purely sporting features and entertainment thrills. Mr. Black's whole effort is to produce better stock and better crops and better farms in Alleghany County. And the Fair is a tribute both to his successful efforts and to the earnest cooperation on the part of those who understand that brains is a good thing to mix with farming.

Now to the various classes of exhibits and the prize winners. And don't overlook the large number of prizes won by young people. Some of the lists of prize winners, omitted here, were not yet available when this list was compiled.

Beef Cattle

BEST PURE BRED BULL OVER ONE YEAR
Four entries—Gwyn Truitt, First Prize; Kennie Truitt, Second and Third; C. L. Hash Fourth.

BEST COW ANY BREED
Two entries—Gwyn Truitt, First Prize; C. L. Hash, Second.

BEST HEIFER OVER ONE YEAR
Two entries—Gwyn Truitt, First and Second Prize.

BEST HEIFER UNDER ONE YEAR
Two entries—Kennie Truitt, First Prize; Gwyn Truitt, Second.

BABY BEEVES, HEAVY CLASS
Four entries—Van Miller, Jr., First Prize; Lucille Miller, Second; James Miller, Third.

BABY BEEVES, LIGHT CLASS
Four entries—Wilmer Pruitt, First Prize; Fielden Miller, Second; Gones Andrews, Third; Billy C. Choate, Fourth.

GRAND CHAMPION BULL
One entry—Gwyn Truitt.

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
One entry—Gwyn Truitt.

Dairy Cattle

DAIRY COW
Three entries—H. L. Halsey, First Prize; D. J. Kilby, Second; Georgia Ruth Caudill, Third.

DAIRY HEIFER
One entry—G. T. Perry.

DAIRY CALF
Two entries—H. L. Halsey, First Prize; D. J. Kilby, Second.

DAIRY BULL
One entry—James Hardin.

Sheep

BEST RAM OVER ONE YEAR
One entry—Van Miller.

RAM UNDER ONE YEAR
Two entries—J. H. Doughton, First and Second Prize.

EWES OVER ONE YEAR
Five entries—Lewis Mitchell, First Prize; Ida Maude Black, Second; Lewis Mitchell, Third; Van Miller, Jr., Fourth; Van Miller, Fifth.

EWES UNDER ONE YEAR
Six entries—Fielden Miller, First Prize; J. J. Doughton, Second and Third; Orvil Lyons, Fourth.

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"Pass your plate, James."
"Upper or lower?"

By Irv Tirman

Auction Sale

On Saturday, October 5th, 1940

Beginning at 1 o'clock, p. m., on the premises, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, all Cafe Equipment, Household Goods, etc., in Sparta, N. C.

Mervyn Cheek

Sept. 18, 1940.

SPARTA CAFE

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