



Our world...

Another British Naval Victory

London, Oct. 22.—British naval forces operating in the Red Sea between Africa and Asia trapped the 1,058-ton Italian destroyer Francesco Nullo and blew it up, the British admiralty said tonight in contradicting Italian claims to a naval victory in the action. Aside from damage to the 1,690-ton British destroyer Kimberley which sank the Francesco Nullo, no other British warships or merchant vessels were damaged, the British said.

Britain's Increasing Air Power

London, Oct. 22.—One of the mightiest attacks yet made upon a single Nazi area, the Air ministry reported today, a thousand British fire bombs and vast loads of explosives have been dropped upon Hamburg, where German warships are under construction. This violent assault, illustrating the rising tempo of a counter-offensive which Britain's leaders expect to maintain through the winter in the hope of seizing the initiative next spring, was declared to have left a chain of fires which eventually came together in "one great flaming mass."

Poor Day for German Planes

London, Oct. 23.—A dead gray haze and an alert fighter squadron which routed a big formation of German warplanes over the Southeast coast combined last night to save London from all but mere "flea-bite" attacks and gave the city one of its lightest nights since the beginning of the long air siege.

Hope to Use France Against Britain

Berlin, Oct. 22.—Adolf Hitler received Vice Premier Pierre Laval, of France, somewhere in French territory today, it was announced officially tonight, climaxing indications of a developing attempt to mass the surviving French warships with those of Germany and Italy for a showdown with the British fleet. No details of the Hitler-Laval conference were disclosed, save that it was attended also by German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, already reported assigned to the job of seeking to get France to enter the war against her old ally.

United States Expanding in Pacific

New York, Oct. 22.—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox indicated today the United States may assume a more expanding role in the Pacific, asserting that "we have Pacific bases but we need more—and we will have them." "How far flung these must be awaits the outcome of events now in the making," he added. "A great, sea-going, far-ranging navy consists of more than ships and men," Knox continued. "It must have bases from which to operate."

We Need Them, and Therefore—

Washington, Oct. 22.—One hundred and ten pursuit and bomber planes manufactured for Sweden were requisitioned by the United States government today on the grounds that they were needed for national defense. Announcing the action, the State department said that "appropriate authorities" had sought to purchase the planes from the Swedish government, but when this attempt failed they had decided to requisition them under an executive order issued by President Roosevelt October 15. The planes, the statement said, were required by the army air corps.

Tacky Party and Square Dance At Laurel Springs

Hallowe'en will be celebrated at Laurel Springs School by a tacky party and square dance in the school auditorium on Thursday night, October 31, at 7:30. Prizes will be given to the man and woman wearing the tackiest costume, and also to the boy and girl wearing the tackiest costume. Refreshments and drinks will be on sale. Admission will be 15c for children and 30c for adults. Proceeds will be used for school equipment. The public is invited.

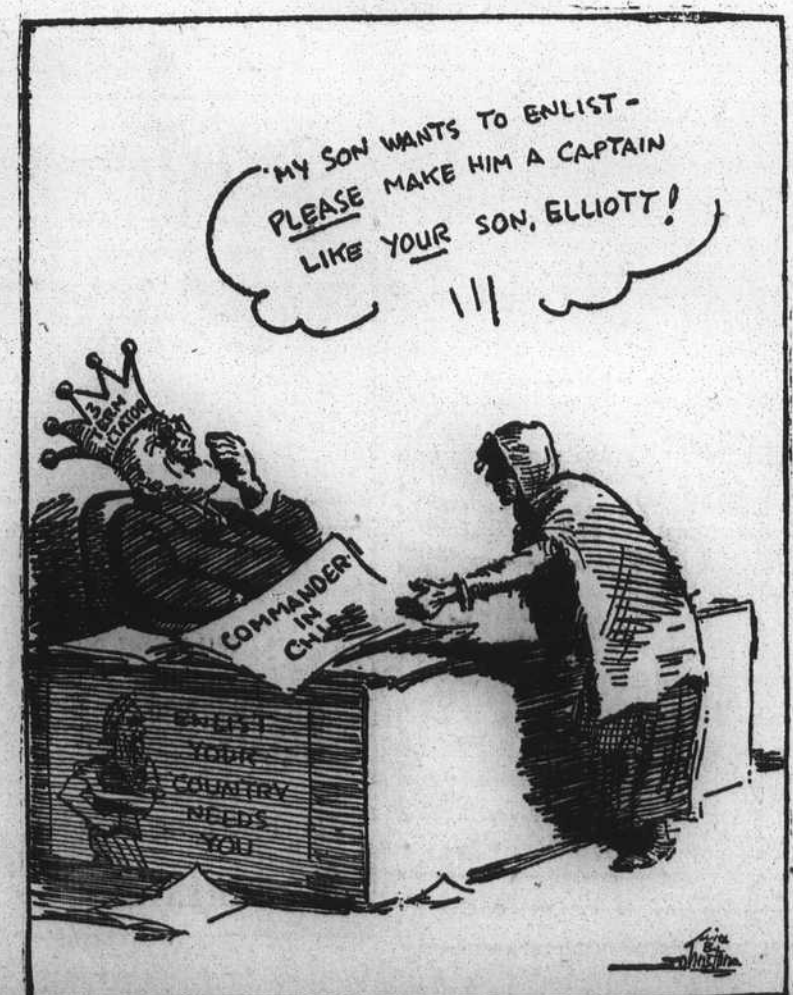
Preaching at Crab Creek

Elder E. A. Long, of Laurel Springs, will preach at Crab Creek Church on the Fourth Sunday, October 27th, at 11 o'clock.

Preaching At Vox Schoolhouse

Elder John Toliver will preach at Vox schoolhouse Saturday night and Sunday, October 26 and 27. The public is invited.

And Why Not!



Belgians Give For British Aid

Washington, D. C.—A \$2,500 contribution to the American Red Cross war relief fund has been received here from Dr. Joseph Gevaert, commissioner of the Belgian Concession at the New York World's Fair. Dr. Gevaert's letter of transmittal specified the amount to be used "for the relief of the civil population of Great Britain."

Marriages

PUGH—FAIRCLOTH
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Faircloth, of Furches, N. C., announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruby Christine, to Guy W. Pugh, of Topia, N. C.
The marriage was performed by Rev. R. H. Stone, at Jefferson, N. C., on Oct. 19, 1940.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh, of Topia, N. C.

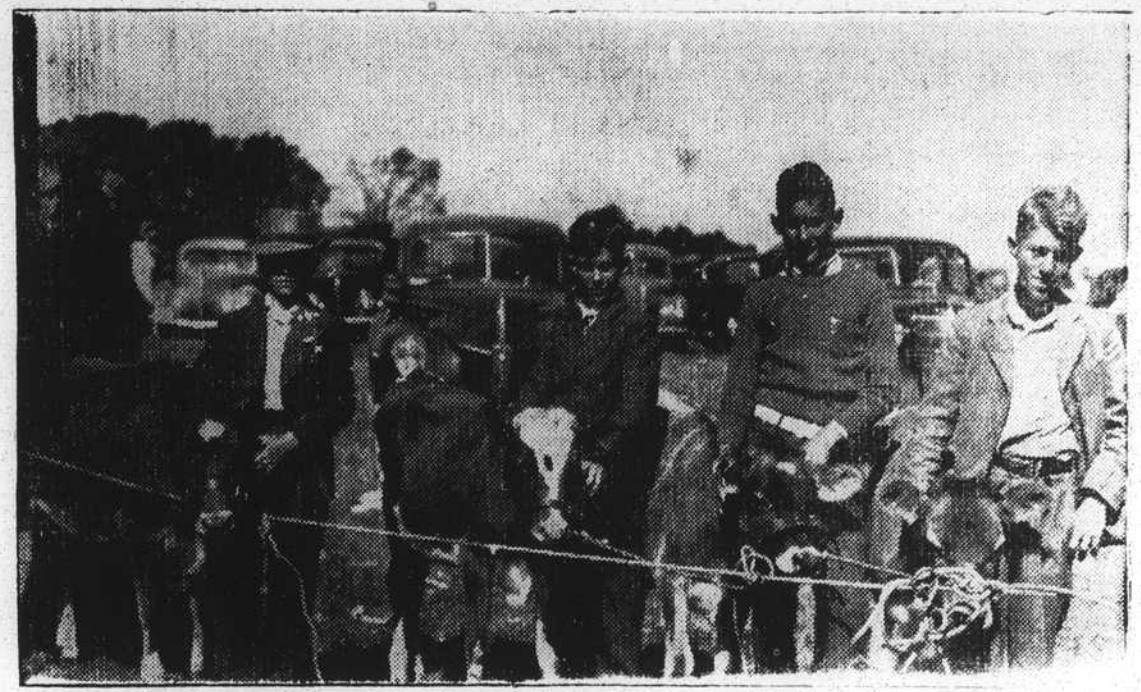
HOPPERS—SHEETS
Everette Hoppers and Miss Dare Sheets were married October 5th in Mountain City, Tenn., by T. A. Wills.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoppers, Citron. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Leeuette Sheets of Citron. They are making their home with the groom's parents at present.

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Alleghany Boy Wins Purebred Heifer



Milk from these heifers will foot the bill of a college education for the four boys shown here. The calves were given the boys by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moore, of Raleigh, in memory of their son, Dickie, who owned them until his accidental death July 1. Seen here, left to right are Billy Benfield, of Iredell County; West Sikes, Jr., of Bladen County; Russell Farmer, of Stokes County and Floyd Reeves, of Alleghany County.

Democratic Rally And Fish Fry A Big Success

The Alleghany Democrats unlimbered their big guns in Sparta Courthouse last Friday, at one of the largest local political powwows ever staged, when Congressman R. L. Doughton and Governor-nominate, J. M. Broughton, assured the jammed hall of a "sweeping" Democratic victory—come November 5.

Wake county's own son, J. M. Broughton, declared that the current Democratic regime had been "true to principles" in providing for the welfare of the people, and predicted that the working class would rally on election day to re-elect the "leader" who had championed their cause for two terms. The governor-nominate believes that we are in a period of "unparalleled emergency" and advised his hearers that their only hope of social security in such troublesome times lies in voting the Democratic way.

The chief speaker of the day was Congressman R. L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, the man who, aside from F. D. R. himself, probably has more "say-so" in our national government as chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee than any one man, urged the people of Alleghany County to "examine the records of the Democratic party," and observe that in spite of the deceiving "smoke screens" laid down by the Republicans, any fair minded citizen might see that the New Deal has "not been unfriendly to business."

On the same political bill-of-fare, "Governor" Doughton of Sparta, and Congressman A. D. (Lon) Folger of the 5th District, delivered brief preliminary speeches. Sparta's mayor and County Democratic Chairman, Floyd Crouse, acted as master of ceremonies.

The touch of practical reality was added to the rally by a festive fish fry dished out to the generous proportions of 500 lbs. of fish.

The gala air was supplied by the colorful Appalachian Teachers College Band as it paraded Sparta's main thoroughfare and later rendered a concert on the front lawn of the Courthouse.

Baptist W. M. S. Hold Meeting

The W. M. S. meeting of the Baptist Church was held at the home of Mrs. Amos Wagoner Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Lula Choate joint hostess.

Mrs. C. A. Reeves presided and led the program on "God's Unchanging Plan of Stewardship." Mrs. A. O. Joines spoke on "The Motive of the Tithe." Mrs. Choate discussed "The Method of the Tithe," and Mrs. Wagoner used "The Larger Stewardship."

It was voted to change the time of meeting from Thursday to Wednesday.

Mrs. R. C. Halsey will be hostess at the November meeting.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

Willkie Sees A Synthetic Prosperity

Wendell L. Willkie declared Monday night at Milwaukee that the New Deal defense program is building a bigger industrial system "upon the insecure foundation of a bigger debt."

"Production will inevitably increase, unemployment will inevitably decline (under defense construction)," the Republican presidential nominee asserted.

"But stop and think how this new work is being created. It is being created by money spent by the government, taken out of the pockets of the people, or added to the mounting national debt."

"These are not the forces of private enterprise at work. These are the forces of public indebtedness. You and I are buying ourselves a bigger army, a bigger navy, and a bigger air force. That makes business look better, but actually we are going into debt at the same time."

"When the defense program is finished, we may have a bigger industrial system, but it will have been built upon the insecure foundation of a bigger debt."

Willkie emphasized that he did not want to hear "the New Dealers point with pride to a business revival based on the creation of the huge war machine that we are building."

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More people are killed and injured on Saturday than on any other day of the week.

Floyd Reeves Wins Coveted State Fair Calf Club Award

Floyd Reeves, of Alleghany County, was one of four North Carolina farm boys to bring home from the State Fair last week a pure bred heifer calf, and thereby to become a charter member of the "Dickie Moore Calf Club," an organization recently set up by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moore, of Raleigh, for the two-fold purpose of promoting better livestock on North Carolina farms and helping worthy farm boys to earn money for their college education.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are starting the calf club as a memorial to their ten-year old son, Dickie, who was accidentally killed at Nags Head, July 1. At the time of his death Dickie owned two Jersey calves. He was raising the calves as an educational project, to earn money for his own education. Rather than sell the calves, Dickie's parents decided to give the calves to deserving farm boys who like their son were anxious to earn money to go to school. They purchased two additional calves and with the four calves originated the "Dickie Moore Calf Club."

Other boys receiving calves were West Sikes, Jr., of Bladen County; Russell Farmer, of Stokes County; and Billy Benfield, of Iredell County. The calves were formally presented to the boys on the fair grounds last Friday.

Each of the recipients is a member of the 4-H Club or Future Farmers of America and lives on a Farm Security Administration farm. A committee composed of the county agent, county FSA supervisor, and the Vocational Agriculture teacher in each county selected the boys on the basis of their interest in dairying and their educational reports. The parents of the boys have agreed that all earnings of the heifers by increase and from the sale of milk will be devoted to their education.

The program is expected to grow each year, for boys receiving heifers annually must turn one heifer calf back to the club to be given to other farm boys.

The Dickie Moore Calf Club will be administered by J. B. Moore, Jr., and Philip Moore, brothers of Dickie.

One-third of all pedestrian accidents in this state are fatal.

Roll Call And Red Cross Activities

The American Red Cross Membership Roll Call drive for Alleghany County got under way Tuesday afternoon at a meeting in Sparta Court House when Rev. Mr. Sears was chosen County Roll Call Chairman.

Rev. Mr. Berry, County Red Cross Chairman, presided and introduced the American Red Cross field secretary, W. H. Calhoun, of Washington, D. C., who addressed the group.

Mr. Calhoun stressed the importance of organization and wholehearted cooperation of district leaders with the new Roll Call chairman, Rev. Mr. Sears.

He also cited the following figures as evidence of the real aid given to the state of North Carolina by the American Red Cross during the recent floods and grave distress.

In Watauga County 177 families were relieved by \$12,584.54 from the Red Cross; in Wilkes County 220 families received help to the extent of \$10,211.28, while 103 families in Ashe County were vitally aided by a timely \$8,297.70. All in all the stricken portions of North Carolina received a grand total of \$90,316.13 in help from the American Red Cross after the recent floods. And these figures do not include expenditures from county Red Cross funds.

November 11 the intensive membership roll call campaign will begin. The aim of the Alleghany committee is to concentrate their united efforts and finish the job in one week, ending on November 16.

Doctor and Mrs. Doughton Attend Alumnae Banquet

The banquet of alumnae of the Nurses' Training School of the H. F. Long Hospital in Statesville was held last week Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church. The occasion was a particularly happy reunion of out-of-town alumnae, including several early graduates of the Training School. The dinner guests included former classmates, their husbands and friends, and numbered about a hundred.

The three-course dinner was served at banquet tables centered with bowls of fall flowers and lighted by white tapers. Mrs. Reneger, president of the alumnae association, extended welcome to the visiting alumnae and presented Dr. T. V. Goode, superintendent of the hospital, who was toastmaster. Between dinner courses Dr. Goode presented a number of the alumnae, among whom were Mrs. W. W. (Lucy Davidson) Bailey, of Spruce Pine, one of the first graduates of the Training School, and Mrs. J. L. (Blanche Click) Doughton, of Sparta. For ten years Mrs. Doughton attended on Dr. Long's operations and did the etherizing until she almost became known as Dr. Long's shadow.

Flowers from the dinner tables were taken to Oakwood Cemetery and placed on the graves of Dr. H. F. Long, the founder of the hospital; Dr. Coite L. Sherrill and Dr. Lewis Poston, members of the staff.

The following day Dr. and Mrs. Doughton were entertained by Mrs. Long in her home, and they returned to Sparta Wednesday evening.

One-third of the people killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina this year have been between the ages of 25 and 44.

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