



Washington, D. C.—Just a year ago, in order to keep military expenditures down, Denmark carried out its annual maneuvers with firecrackers in place of munitions, and Danish infantry threw rotten apples for hand grenades. The results of these savings have been apparent for some time.

The Hamlet of European monarchs—King Boris of Bulgaria—has finally joined King Leopold of Belgium as a vassal to Hitler. What the people of Bulgaria will say if and when Germany marches its army through their country in order to reach Greece is another story.

Bulgarians have applauded every step of Russian aggression since World War II started. A slavish people with pan Slavic sympathies, the Kremlin is the traditional Vatican of all Bulgarians.

Voted the most successful of Britain's non-career diplomats is the Marquess of Lothian, bachelor Ambassador to the U. S. Before he inherited his uncle's title, and vast estates in Scotland and Norway in 1930, the tall, sharp-nosed 58-year-old Liberal was secretary to David Lloyd George. One of his closest friends is American-born Lady Nancy Astor, with whom he shares a deep interest in the Christian Science Movement. Others include Geoffrey Dawson, editor of the London Times and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax.

Ambassador Lothian is now back in London with a glowing account of the swing of American public opinion. Though he breathed not a syllable about the real reason for his sudden departure from Washington, wisecracks in Whitehall send word that he was ordered home by the War Cabinet to escape involvement, even by his presence, in the recent Presidential campaign in this country. A shrewd judge of America is he. On his advice, the British Government declined to establish a powerful propaganda bureau in this country. A Ministry of Information headquarters has since been set up in New York, but it can function only under control of the Ambassador.

Temperance Play To be Given at New Haven Church

The young people of the New Haven Brethren Church, Twin Oaks, will present their talent in a temperance play entitled "What Shall It Profit", to be held in their church on Saturday night, November 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

The play portrays the tragic consequences resulting from liquor drinking. It is the story of a young newspaper editor whose alcoholic indulgences indirectly cause the death of his pretty young wife and make him an invalid for the rest of his days. The graphic, true-to-life story, bears a message all its own.

Special music and readings will be included on the same evening's program. You are invited to see, "What Shall It Profit", and there is no admission fee.

Whitehead School Honor Roll

Rheba Howell, principal of the Whitehead Grade School, is pleased to announce twelve names as eligible to grace the third month Honor Roll.

In the Third Grade, Grace Caudill, Gladys Caudill and Hubert Joines are listed, while the Fourth Grade is represented by Evalena Dowell and Ross Caudill. The Fifth Grade pupils are Alda Richardson, Ellabee Dowell and Zelda Caudill, with two from the Sixth Grade, Adele Blum and Marjorie Aboher, and a pair of studious students, John Blum and Parlon Edwards topping the Seventh Grade division.

Marriages

FRUITT—WALKER
Verne Pruitt, 21, Springfield, N. C., son of Charlie and Phoebe Pruitt, married Grace Walker, 18, of Hayes, N. C., the daughter of Charlie and Danie Walker, Nov. 23, 1940.

DILLON—EVERSOLE
Edward Dillon, 20, Wytheville, Va., son of Carl Edwin and Janie Dillon, married Bonnie Eversole, 18, of Wytheville, Va., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eversole, November 24, 1940.

Our world...

Britain Appeals For Our Aid

London, Nov. 26.—Great Britain appealed "to the shipyards of the United States" to help the empire against Germany's sea blockade last night, and at the same time the British censor passed a dispatch saying these are Britain's "darkest hours" since the battle of Flanders last May. "By themselves, the resources of the empire are not enough," said shipping Minister Ronald H. Cross. "I am not going to hide the fact that the rate at which we are building ships does not make up for our losses." The British are confident they have the men, but it is arms, planes, tanks and more ships that they need urgently and must have to battle the axis upon equal terms. Britannia still rules the waves, but needs more American help to do it. A considerable part of recent staggering shipping losses can be traced to deficiencies in escort ships.

Those Tricky Greeks Worry Benito

Athens, Nov. 26.—Bayonet-thrusting Greeks were declared today to have scattered fresh Italian troops—thrown into action in a desperate attempt to bolster the center of the sagging Albanian battle line. There was no stopping their forces here or anywhere else along the rambling, mountainous front, the Greeks reported.

Hitler Wants Mussolini To Do It

Rome, Nov. 26.—Well-informed sources in Rome said yesterday Nazi Germany was leaving the fight against Greece entirely up to Mussolini's Italian legions, with no intention of intervening there to help her southern axis partner. The Reich is only attempting through diplomatic activity to keep Turkey from entering the war on the side of her neighbor, Greece.

Britain Wants Bulgaria To Stay Neutral

London, Nov. 26.—Britain lifted a hopefully beckoning diplomatic finger at Bulgaria today, promising that if she would stay neutral this country would do its best—when peace comes at last—to assure her future independence.

British Position Stronger In Near East

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 26.—British army sources say Britain's position in the Near East appears stronger today than at any time since Italy entered the war June 10. They describe the Italian situation thus: one army in retreat in Albania, a second stalemated in the western Egyptian desert, a third cut off from supplies in Ethiopia. But situations change quickly and the British say they are alert to meet any new development which might threaten their hold on the vital Mediterranean.

Senate Takes A Firmer Stand

Washington, Nov. 26.—Action of the Senate today in passing the Walter-Logan bill over administration opposition is taken in congressional circles to indicate a solidification in the Senate of a line up that may be carried into the new Congress in January and endanger administration legislation. The bill, as passed by the House a year and a half ago, provides for judicial review in the proper courts of rules and regulations made by the 25 to 30 Federal agencies and commissions that have been set up in Washington during the last seven years.

Military Contracts May Now Proceed

Downey, Calif., Nov. 26.—A 12-day strike at Vultee Aircraft corporation—which tied up work on military contracts totaling \$84,000,000—ended today with ratification by striking C. I. O. workers of a new contract which will increase wages of 5,200 employes by \$1,400,000 annually.

Chilly Weather Hits Nation

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—Snow, sleet, rain and cold plagued most of the nation yesterday. Millions of easterners felt the sting of the chilliest weather of the autumn. A snowstorm whipped through the midwest. The fall, ranging up to a half foot deep.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



FREE SPEECH

THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHO WROTE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, SAID: "TO SPEAK HIS THOUGHTS IS EVERY FREEMAN'S RIGHT."



JEFFERSON'S PRINCIPLE IS THE KEYSTONE OF DEMOCRACY IN WHICH DIFFERENT OPINIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE ISSUES ARE DECIDED.

DICTATORS SMOTHER FREE SPEECH, SOMETIMES BY DEATH PENALTY—KEEP FROM THEIR PEOPLE THE INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO FORM OPINION.

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Bob Doughton says Nation Must Levy New Taxes

Expressing his opinion that taxes will have to be increased, Representative Robt. L. Doughton of the Ninth North Carolina District, chairman of the House ways and means committee, said last week after a conference with President Roosevelt that a new tax bill would be offered at the next session of Congress in January.

Representative Doughton stated every effort should be made to economize in non-defense expenditures and to meet their cost with new levies that would tend to balance that part of the budget, because the defense spending could not be met with extra taxes alone. Exclusive of national defense, the ways and means chairman believes that taxes should be increased next year to bring in enough revenue to balance regular government expenditures.

"Outside of increased national defense costs," he declared, "it is my individual opinion that after effecting every proper and reasonable economy we should raise sufficient additional revenue at least to meet the regular expenses of the government."

"We shall not be able to meet this \$13 billion or \$14 billion in increased defense costs with increased taxes. But I don't think we should pass on to future generations a dollar of indebtedness that we possibly can take care of ourselves."

Mr. Doughton explained that it would be impossible to predict now how much taxes would have to be increased to meet regular operating costs. The complexity of the estimate, he added, is heightened by the fact that revenues are on the advance from present tax laws on the basis of improving business.

Today is Still Thanksgiving Day In 16 States

North Carolina is one of sixteen states that are celebrating Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November this year.

In thirty-two states the festival was observed last Thursday, the new national turkey day proclaimed by President Roosevelt one year ago, when the Chief Executive advanced the date to one week earlier, so as to allow more shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. But, still adhering to the time-honored day of thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November, the day our fathers kept, are North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Nevada and the New England States.

A Piano Studio In Sparta

After more than two months of painting and decoration the room in the Transou Building opposite the Star-Times office is now ready and Mrs. Genevieve Mead, recently from Washington, D. C., is opening a Piano Studio this week.

Mrs. Mead comes from the Nebraska Conservatory of Music and has had many years of successful music teaching experience, both in colleges and in private work. Also, by constant study of the latest methods and teaching material she has kept thoroughly up to date.

Mrs. Mead is affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs and plans to organize a Sparta unit for the benefit of her pupils, as she has done in Washington for several years.

Mrs. S. G. Caudill Is Recovering Since Operation

Mrs. S. G. Caudill, of Sparta, underwent an operation last Monday morning at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Pearisburg, Va. Mrs. Caudill's husband, Elder S. G. Caudill, who was with his wife in Pearisburg, reports that her condition has improved since the operation. Mrs. Grover Hall, her sister, accompanied Elder and Mrs. Caudill to the hospital.

J. A. Campbell in First Draft Call

James Allen Campbell of Piney Creek is Alleghany County's first contribution to the Nation's draft of men to train for their country in the capacity of soldier in the U. S. Army.

Jimmy drew the number 633, and then volunteered and he will report to the Local Board in Sparta on December 4, and be sent to Fort Bragg, N. C., the U. S. induction station for this district.

If this appointee should not be accepted for training when he arrives at Fort Bragg, one of the following three names will be selected as a replacement, William Claude Farrington, Ray Columbus Greene and Joseph Mack Andrews.



Lewis Wagoner Attains Rank Of Second Class

Ever since last March when the Scouts were organized the aim of the boys has been to acquire the degree of proficiency in First Aid, Tracking, Signaling, Knot tying and the various Scouting arts that would entitle them to the rank of Second Class Scout. Various things have hindered, one of which was the lack of a local board with authority to test the boys and pass them. The Scout Executive from Winston-Salem, Mr. Vaughan Lloyd, helped to settle that matter on his visit to Sparta in October; and last Friday Lewis Wag-



oner, the tallest boy in the accompanying picture, appeared before the local board and successfully passed the necessary tests. He thus is the first Sparta boy to become a Second Class Scout in his home town. In three months he can take the tests for a First Class Scout if he wishes.

The Scouts in the picture are, back row, Lewis Wagoner, Robert Berry and R. C. Mitchell. Front row, Tommy Osborne at left, Billy Carroll Choate, and Arga Richardson. The whole troop, No. 53 of Sparta, consists of 11 members under Scoutmaster Tom Haigwood and assistant Scoutmaster Robert J. Andrews.

Glade Valley High Juniors to Stage 3 Act Comedy

The Glade Valley High School Junior Class will present "Simple Simon Simple", a Three Act play, in the auditorium of the Glade Valley Academy at 8 o'clock, Thursday night, November 28.

The students of the Junior Class promise their domestic play to be stuffed with more laughs than a Thanksgiving turkey. It is predicted that the show will be first class entertainment and if you haven't had a good button-busting laugh recently, you are urged to witness the humorous adventures of "Simple Simon Simple."

22 Shopping Days Till Christmas; Buy Seals Early

With another Thanksgiving over and gone, can Christmas be far behind? The yuletide season is just 22 shopping days away. And speaking of Christmas shopping one naturally should think of Christmas seals. The money received from the sale of Christmas stamps goes to the worthy cause of pushing on the fight against the dread disease tuberculosis. Christmas seals will be on sale throughout the county, beginning

Red Cross Roll Call Nears One Hundred

The latest available statistics on the Red Cross Roll Call membership drive show that membership this year is nearing the one hundred members mark in the present campaign, according to Rev. V. W. Sears, chairman of the Roll Call committee for Alleghany county.

To date \$63.18 is reported as the total cash amount received, with \$42.18 of that sum coming from Whitehead district.

The Red Cross Roll Call which was launched November 11, will close definitely this week on Saturday, the 30th. Everyone who has not yet obtained a Roll Call membership button is urged to do so before the campaign ends.

Boone Market Bids For Alleghany Tobacco Crop

The Boone Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse played Santa Claus to Alleghanyans last Friday by passing out between thirty and forty lucky number prizes at a meeting held in Sparta Court House designed to encourage local tobacco growers to sell their crops at the Boone market.

Forming a motorcade of more than 25 automobiles, led by the screaming siren of police escort, the Wataugans rolled into Sparta at 12:30 p. m. Friday. The blue-and-gold-uniformed musicians of the Boone High School band marched down the County Seat's main thoroughfare and lined up in front of the Court House where they offered several brilliantly played marches under the able direction of Prof. Gordon Nash.

Inside the Court House, "Governor" R. A. Doughton extended a hearty welcome to the visiting Burley Warehouse company and called Boone the "best town in the whole north-west portion of the state." He expressed his desire that Alleghany leaf growers would take advantage of the Watauga County market.

The program of the afternoon was presided over and enlivened by genial W. H. Gragg, former mayor of Boone. Mrs. J. K. Andrews of Alleghany county was presented as a tobacco raiser, and testified that she was "pleased" with the treatment received when she sold her tobacco at Boone last year. Frank Jones, Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse operator, invited Alleghany farmers to Boone, where he promised they would get their "top dollar" for tobacco. Harry Hamilton, Watauga county agent was introduced to the audience and gave a pointed two-minute talk.

And then the lucky numbers were drawn and approximately 40 happy number holders received various gifts ranging from lead pencils, socks, and red neckerchiefs to overalls. The present bayer of Boone, Mr. W. R. Lovell concluded the meeting by eloquently urging the importance of an inter-county reciprocal trade between Alleghany County leaf growers and the Watauga County market. Mr. Lovell said that the spacious Mountain Burley Warehouse was heated and provided with cots for farmers who desired to stay over night. Declaring that growers from this county would receive none but the best treatment, the Boone mayor virtually handed over the key of the city to the local tobacco raisers. And finally, he reminded his hearers that the doors of the Boone warehouse are open already for the receipt of tobacco and that Dec. 4 has been set as the probable opening of the current season.

Preaching at Shiloh Church

Next Sunday, December 1st, at 11 o'clock, the Lord permitting, Rev. Lee A. Hampton will preach at Shiloh Church. The public is invited to attend and worship.

Monday, December 2, says Christmas seals chairman, Rev. V. W. Sears. So when you purchase your Christmas packages don't forget to buy Christmas Seals, too.

Sparta Library Gets New Stock Of Late Fiction

"Reading maketh a full man," says an old proverb, and the place to go for good rearing in "these parts" is to our own Sparta library.

The local library has just added a score of new volumes of popular fiction, according to the librarian, Marie Perry. This new instalment of books was obtained by Mrs. Crystal Hines, chairman of the Sparta library committee.

For those who like the tingling adventure of the wild and woolly west there are three new novels by that celebrated western novelist, Zane Grey, namely, "Thunder Mountain," "Fighting Caravans," and "The Desert of Wheat." Among the collection are three new children's books, "Heidi's Children," "Heidi Grows Up," and "Pat of Silver Bush."

Other interesting books, ranging from romance to adventure are:

Rainbow Cottage, The Substitute Guest by Grace and Mari-gold Livingston Hill; Winner Take All and Week-end Woman by Ruby M. Ayers; Career by Proxy and Hotel Hostess by Faith Baldwin; Hawk in the Wind and Land of Tomorrow by Shirley Siefert; Uncle Caleb's Niece by Lida Lar-rimore; Make the Man Notice You by Maysie Grieg; and James Oliver Curwood's Nomads of the North.

Now that the evenings are longer and the weather colder you'll spend more time around the stove. There's nothing like a good story to make you forget the whistling winds outside. So, the library staff invites you to visit its shelves. It is your library, and you owe it to yourself to avail yourself of all its advantages.

Hunting Season in Alleghany Begins This Week

It is time for every little Bun-ny cotton-tail who values his life to run for the nearest air raid shelter, because hunting season opens with a bang this week in Alleghany County.

Rabbit season opened on Monday, with grouse and quail hunting getting under way Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

The local game warden, Dick Gentry, warns all hunters to be sure and obtain their license before they start gunning through the fields and woods. Hunters may bring down as many rabbits as they wish, but are prohibited from selling them. Sportsmen are also cautioned to remember the bag limits of ten quail per day and two grouse.

Draft Advisory Board Appointed For Alleghany

Seventeen Alleghany appointees to the selective service advisory board for the cloud-land county were sworn in as board members last Saturday, at a meeting held in Sparta Court House.

The group assembled in Mayor Floyd Crouse's office. Mayor Crouse has been appointed chairman of the board. The members of the new advisory board were instructed in their duties to assist county draft registrars in filling out their questionnaires, which are now being mailed.

Those named in Alleghany county to serve on the advisory board in each of the seven townships are as follows:

Gap Civil—Ernest Edwards, Paul Swanson, Miss Wilma Crouse, Mrs. Wayne Waddell and Mrs. Mexa Phipps.
Glade Creek—Mrs. Cecil Gibson, Mrs. Elizabeth Easterling and T. P. Franklin.
Cherry Lane—Mrs. J. T. Inskeep and J. K. Andrews.
Piney Creek—L. K. Halsey and Joe Bill Reed.
Prathers Creek—L. E. Edwards and Eugene Mitchell.
Laurel Springs—Reece Miller and R. G. Taylor.
Whitehead—Mrs. Ruth Edwards.