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### Alleghany County

Formed in 1859  
Area, 209 sq. miles or 133,760 acres  
Elevation, average, 2,700 feet.  
County Seat, Sparta, population, 652  
County Officers:

- Clerk of Court ..... A. F. Reeves
- Register of Deeds ..... T. M. Gambill
- Sheriff and Treasurer ..... DeWitt Bryan
- Coroner ..... Dr. B. O. Choate
- Surveyor ..... J. C. Sparks
- Superintendent of Health ..... Dr. B. O. Choate
- Superintendent of Schools ..... W. C. Thompson
- Superintendent of Public Welfare ..... Lillie Ervin
- Farm Demonstration Agent ..... R. E. Black
- Chairman Board of Education ..... T. Roy Burgess
- Chairman Board of Elections ..... Amos Wagoner
- Game Warden and Forest Warden ..... R. D. Gentry
- County Attorney ..... R. F. Crouse
- County Commissioners: V. B. Phipps, Chairman,  
Mouth of Wilson; Mac D. Wagoner, Whitehead,  
and J. C. Gambill, Independence.

Thursday, December 5, 1940.

### "Let There Be Light"

#### A Thought for the Thoughtful

##### BE A FRIEND

When your lucky star is shining  
And dame fortune favors you,  
You will find your good luck sweeter,  
If your neighbor shares it, too.

There's a heap of satisfaction,  
When a helping hand you lend,  
Just to know that someone's happier  
'Cause you paused to be a friend.

### What Is Capitalism?

The head of one of America's largest banks recently had this to say concerning capitalism: "Business must have capital. What is capital? Savings. Whose savings? The people's, yours, your friends, your neighbors."

"Everyone who saves something from his earnings and puts that money to work, or has it put to work for him, is a capitalist."

"That is the American way, the way in which America has been built. Capitalism is democracy—at work."

That's simple, and it's sound. Capitalism is a term too often used to mislead the uninformed and create political discord. The truth is that capital is the collective invested savings of millions of people—the man with a hundred dollars, the woman with five hundred.

That's what the capital in the nation's banks consists of. The average bank deposit is small. But put millions of those accounts together and you get real money—the money that goes to build homes, to start businesses, to expand industries, to make jobs, and to do the thousand and one things necessary to keep American industry expanding and employing labor.

The nation's bankers are simply the custodians of this capital. They don't own it. They are hired managers, responsible to their depositors and controlled by the strictest kind of laws. It's their job to see that it is employed in building up the wealth and the resources and the economic and social values of America. The great majority of American families are capitalists. Their future security depends on invested savings in industries, in life insurance, in land, etc. Any political trend which weakens our private enterprise system, strikes at individual savings—capital.

### Other Editors' Comments

#### Back of Democracy

That the young people of the totalitarian countries are being highly trained in the ideologies their respective governments wish to maintain is well known. The people of the United States, on the other hand, awakened by world events, are today stressing with increased earnestness the teaching of democracy to young people.

What do these young Americans think? With what moral vigor do they face their personal problems? How firm is the foundation upon which they build their individual viewpoints? Honest answers to such questions give hint of the strength of the Nation in the years directly ahead. And incomplete are such answers without this solemn statement from the findings of the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy:

Despite the efforts of the churches to give their children religious training, it was estimated that approximately half of the children and young people in the United States receive no religious instruction outside the home.

The statement, as quoted from the Public Affairs Pamphlet, "America's Children," also points out the Conference's stand: That religion helps give children an "understanding of the worth of persons and the value of human fellowship."

Now the "worth of persons" is at the very heart of the principles of democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States. It is, further, a concept directly dependent upon an acknowledgment and understanding of God. The "value of human fellowship" or in its deeper significance, the brotherhood of man, is equally fundamental. Young people allowed to grow up without Christianity, miss the very essence of the meaning of democracy.

Once religion was the concern of the home. Churches held brief Sunday Schools largely for examining or overseeing the teaching of the home. Today, Sunday School teaching is all that many children get. Furthermore, these children, plus those attending the voluntary mid-week religious periods conducted by churches where the public schools excuse the children for this purpose, total only half the children in America.

What of the other half. Are they given religious training in their homes? It is suspected that with few exceptions, the parents who do not care enough to send their children to Sunday Schools already awaiting the privilege of teaching them, are not likely to give them religious training at home.

Fifty per cent untaught in an avowedly Christian Nation is fifty per cent too many at any time. In the face of the aggressive anti-Christian thought in the world today it amounts to a dangerous weakness in democracy's defense—a weakness that should not be underestimated nor neglected.

As President Sproul of the University of California recently said:

Essentially Americanism, which is democracy, is a moral and spiritual adventure, concerned primarily with a sound and workable philosophy of life, summed up in the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.

If our children are to be strong in the world that emerges from the present conflicts, they must habitually rely upon a Power higher than themselves, and envision a brotherhood of man only possible when founded upon the teachings of the most spiritually minded brother of man who ever lived.—Christian Science Monitor.

### Critical Opposition

There is much talk in Washington of "unity."

The American people should be on their guard against that word.

With the present Administration "unity" may mean Totalitarianism.

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#### The Hickory Grove Low Down

This Mr. Willkie don't need to feel too bad about the election. He came out second best, but any duck who will get around 21 million votes versus around 25 million for the other side, is not doing so bad.

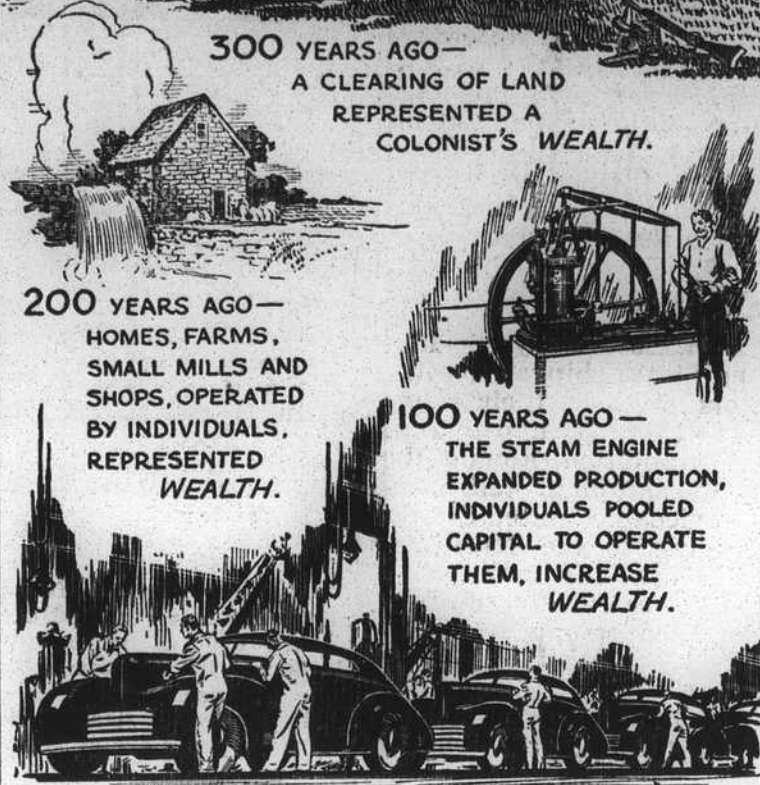
Mr. Willkie's outfit was not organized. His boys just went out there and tackled the other side—out in the open—wherever they could get a toe on the platform.

You take Red Grange when he was runnin' rampant for Illinois, he only went to town when his buddies got organized and helped open a hole for him. This Mr. Willkie and his young go-getting crew are gonna be poison too, when they get a little more practice.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

### OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

#### WHO OWNS AMERICAN WEALTH?



300 YEARS AGO—  
A CLEARING OF LAND  
REPRESENTED A  
COLONIST'S WEALTH.

200 YEARS AGO—  
HOMES, FARMS,  
SMALL MILLS AND  
SHOPS, OPERATED  
BY INDIVIDUALS.  
REPRESENTED  
WEALTH.

100 YEARS AGO—  
THE STEAM ENGINE  
EXPANDED PRODUCTION,  
INDIVIDUALS POOLED  
CAPITAL TO OPERATE  
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WEALTH.

TODAY MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS POOL THEIR WEALTH TO PROVIDE CAPITAL FOR VAST ENTERPRISES. THE NATION'S 64,000,000 LIFE INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS HAVE A BIG STAKE IN U.S. INDUSTRY THROUGH THE INVESTMENT OF ASSETS WHICH ARE THE SECURITY BEHIND THEIR POLICIES.

(This poem is by the son of Mrs. Belle Blewins, of Topia. He joined the U. S. Army recently, and while sailing on the "American Liner," en route to Panama, wrote the following description of his trip and his feelings.—Ed.)

#### "To Mother"

I'm on the ship that is taking me away,  
Across the salty brine,  
To spend two years away from home  
From that darling mother of mine.

It was a clear, windy day, and everyone felt fine,  
When into the ship marched three hundred,  
ninety and nine,  
To accompany with four hundred more soldiermen  
We still sail tonight at sea,—land yet to find.

Upon the deep blue sea,  
While sailing two days and nights or more  
A group of jolly soldiers,  
Longing to reach the shore.

We now have passed several islands away,  
And seen a gunboat or two;  
But the largest island we passed  
Was the lovely island of Cuba.

The weather has been pleasant and bright,  
Until mid-Sunday night,  
When clouds came up and sprinkled the deck  
But soon everything was all right.

Monday morning came and the sun shone bright,  
Everyone seemed to be hot;  
But near noon-day the clouds came up  
And it rained an awful lot.

Tomorrow is the day I land, I land in Panama,  
To serve two years in the Canal Zone;  
But when my time has full expired  
I shall return to you, mother,—and home.

I still remember the Friday I left,  
Brothers and sisters all feeling sad,  
How I kissed those tender lips of yours,  
And left you, Mother, and Dad.

I knew it was a "bye-bye" kiss;  
How sad to me it really did seem,  
To leave the sweet Mother of mine  
And vanish away like a dream.

Sweet Mother, let your love shine on,  
Your promises all are true;  
For the very day I leave this place  
I am coming back to you.

JARVIS H. BLEVINS

#### Vox

Vox, Dec. 3.—L. C. Cox, of Vox, a school bus driver, was sent to North Wilkesboro Hospital last Saturday with a broken leg. He returned home on the following Tuesday and it is reported that the fracture is mending nicely.

Carl Shoot, of Mouth of Wilson, has moved to Dillon Edwards' place.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caudill spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Fender were the guests of Mrs. Evelyn Smith last Sunday.

Mrs. James Maines and Miss Litha Patton visited Miss Mary and Clyde Burris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Brown and children visited Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. Calton Sparks.

Mrs. C. C. Choate made a business trip to Sparta Saturday. Mrs. H. C. Evans was shopping in Galax Monday.

Ray Maines spent Sunday with Luther Smith.

#### What He Didn't Like

A horse dealer was trying to sell a horse afflicted with heaves, and said to the prospective buyer: "Hasn't he a fine coat? Isn't it a dandy?" "His coat's all right, but I don't like his pants."

#### Overpowering

"Is you gwine ter let dat mule do as he please?" asked Uncle will power?" "My will powers all right," he answered. "You jest want ter come out hyar an' measure dis here mule's won't power."

#### Suited Him All Right

"Mr. Casey," said the landlord to Pat, "I am afraid I'll have to raise your rent." "Ah, now, Mr. Dooley," returned Pat, "don't be afraid, sir. Beggars, you'll have to, for I can't."

### Scanning The Horizon

#### Bayonets Balk Benito

ADRIAN V. BOYER

Greece's miracle men of the Macedonian shock troops have upset the military strategists' dope bucket again by proving to the dubious dictator master minds, who branded the bayonet as an obsolete weapon in modern warfare, that battles can be won at the point of the bayonet. This outmoded weapon was responsible for the capture of Pogradetz and Koritza. Italian troops set a new speed record recently, when they retreated so fast before the bristling bayonets of the Hellenic warriors that the Greeks found it difficult to overtake their quarry. But it is not fair that the Greeks should resort to such "barbarous" methods of fighting. The Rome radio doesn't like it at all, and in a broadcast the other day declared that "bayonet fighting is barbarous, and shows that the Greek nation is uncivilized." The poor dears! But let the mighty Mussolini bomb defenseless women and children behind the line of fighting—that's all right, that is the "civilized" way of combat. Figure that one out if you can. The Greek press answered this charge of "bayonet barbarism" by the acid retort that "bayonet fighting is certainly less barbarous than using Italian bombing planes against non-combatants." "It is not our fault," continue the Athenians, "if the enemy lacks the courage of soul against these bayonet charges. Greek bayonets will continue to do good work in Albania."

#### Jap's Puppet Power Peeved

Here's one for the boys. The Japanese Government, finding the going in China tougher than she had expected, now tries to camouflage her machine guns behind the olive branch of peace gestures. The peace proffers at least have the distinction of being different from the ordinary peace set-ups. In order to effect such a negotiation the Nipponese set up a Chinese traitor, Wang Ching Wei, over the Chinese people, and then drew up a treaty with Wang for peace in China. So you can understand why this puppet prince is no more popular with the followers of the Chinese Republic under the able leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek than a skunk at a formal dinner. And, to show just how they stand in the matter, the Central Chinese Government has offered a reward of 100,000 Chinese dollars (\$6,000) for any one who brings Wang's yellow pelt back to Chungking. By way of heaping more coals of insult upon the fires of injustice against the Japs, the United States has refused to recognize the "new order" in China. And to demonstrate this, Uncle Sam loaned the Chaing Kai Shek government one hundred million dollars immediately after the phony peace pact was signed. Of course the puppet power, Mr. Wang, and the Japanese fathers went to the walling wall about the American loan. With fears of frustration they complained that the U. S. was showing itself "unfriendly and unjust." They say it was extended out of "spite," and for the "sole purpose of enabling Chungking to exhaust China's strength in useless conflict with Japan, while simultaneously weakening Japan's position." The new one-hundred million dollar U. S. credit is expected to give China "fresh impetus against the disturbers of peace in the Pacific." The Chinese Nationalist Government was pleased with the loan, and said it proved that "China's democratic support is stronger than Japan's Axis support, although the latter had formal status."

#### Nazis Bomb the Vital Midlands

The war of Britain is taking on a different complexion these days. Instead of concentrating on London, as the Nazi bombers have done for months, they are shifting their ruthless ravages to England's vital midlands. In the British midlands is located the bulk of her industrial strength, such cities as Coventry, Liverpool, Birmingham and others. These sources of war power grew up when England was becoming the world's mightiest industrial nation, because coal and iron lay close together. There was little attempt at concealment of factories, because England was thought impregnable. When the midlands were growing the military airplane had not yet appeared. But concealment of this sprawling stretch of country 125 to 250 miles even now would be difficult. A bomb dropped anywhere in that area would be near a factory, at least. The Germans, realizing the importance of these factories, are carrying out a never-before-used technique known as

### Travel

#### Touring the Good Old U. S. A.



#### Through a Blizzard In North Dakota

By Sally Bledsoe

And I am forced to say again that traveling by bus in midwinter is not all together a pleasant experience. For example, this particular night of which I write will always haunt me. I had read of blizzards of snow and wind, but this night I was actually in a very severe one. Our bus was just barely creeping along when it came to a sudden stop, and a very thin-clad man stepped inside the bus and told the driver that his car was out of order, and that his wife and kids were freezing, and would he please send help from the next town, which was not very near. I shall always have a mental picture of that little group, huddled together in their trap of a car, trying to keep warm until help came, if it came in time.

After hours of slow travel through this great plains country, without a sign of civilization or habitation, it was a pleasure to find myself in the coldest town in the U. S.—Fargo, North Dakota.

I had heard that this unique distinction belonged to this town, and I wanted to find out for myself. So I sallied forth with coat collar high and hat pulled low, to face the weather whatever it happened to be. My eyes had told me that the streets were a solid sheet of ice, and the wind was by no means a tropical breeze. But somehow it didn't seem so bitter cold as was suggested by the thermometer.

After a short look around, and a good stretch of my tired muscles I got back on the bus, and shrugged the little town of Fargo a very cold shoulder, and was happy with the thought that I'd be making my way south from that point, until I reached home.

The next important town was the interesting city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a very modern and beautiful city, nestled along the banks of the Mississippi River. I could hardly realize that just three months before I had crossed that very same river down to New Orleans, via the beautiful Huey Long bridge, and how dwarfed the river looked at this point in comparison. But, even so, at this point one could still term it the mighty Mississippi as it rolled along its course through this industrial metropolis. My bus at last drew under the shelter of the most magnificent and modern bus terminal I had seen on my entire trip. It afforded the traveler any convenience, from a cocktail to a shoeshine inside its streamlined portals. It was worthy of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis was worthy of it.

"area demolition." The devastation of Coventry was the first example of this dreadful technique. Birmingham came next. The difference between ordinary "spot" bombing and "area" bombing is this:

"Spot" bombers seek to drop bombs on a single target. "Area" bombers, knowing an objective is in a certain city, seek the destruction of the object by destroying the city. That's what happened to Coventry. It could happen to all the midlands industrial towns.

Two things may prevent such cataclysmic destruction,—its own high cost, and British defense. The war could be won or lost in the midlands. If Hitler can make important inroads in the production there, it will be a serious blow to Britain. But if the midlands can hold out, Britain may be able to keep going indefinitely.

#### Little Mother Knew

At the close of his talk before a Sunday-school the Bishop invited questions.

A tiny boy, with white, eager face, at once held up his hand. "Please, sir," said he, "why was Adam never a baby?"

The Bishop coughed in doubt as to what answer to give, but a little girl, the eldest of several brothers and sisters, came promptly to his aid.

"Please, sir," she answered smartly, "there was nobody to nuss him."

Forty thousand manufacturing firms process the food, that is produced and sold to them by America's six million farmers.