

Roosevelt and Churchill Britain is in the grip of war. Her ships and cargoes are being sunk, and her cities are being

bombed. In this crisis she has conferred upon her prime minister, Winston Churchill, and his cabinet, power to act quickly and efficiently. Nevertheless Mr. Churchill has not

asked, nor have the British people granted him powers as great those sought by Mr. Roosevelt in his lease-lend bill. This fact,-and it is a fact, should give Americans pause.

Mr. Churchill and his cabinet are subject to be dismissed on twenty-four hours' notice whenever a simple majority of a single House of the British legislature becomes dissatisfied with either his policy or his accomplishments. In addition, as he and his cabinet are all members of the House of Commons, they are subject to interrogation at any time.

It would be interesting to hear the way the British Empire would respond if Mr. Churchill were to make a speech in the House of Commons stating he is not satisfied with the power he already has, but demands practically unlimited personal power to carry economic and military war into every country of the world at his sole discretion, and that when such powers are granted, they must be irrevocable.

Such power, in effect, is what Mr. Roosevelt is asking of the American people. The powers granted him could not be recalled over his veto without a twothirds vote in both Houses of Congress.

Four hundred and thirty-five members of the House of Representatives might vote unanimously to revoke the powers. Sixtythree Senators might vote to recall them-498 in all. But as Mr. Roosevelt is certain of the votes of 33 Senators, or one more than one-third, the unprecedented powers he asks could neither be recalled nor curtailed. Mr. Roosevelt has never sprrendered a single power. Do we want such vast and irrevocable power vested in one man, surrounded and advised by Secretaries who would apparently send an American expeditionary force to Europe or Africa if they thought that necessary to prevent British defeat?

But these powers would not be vested in Mr. Roosevelt alone If he were to die or become unable to act as President, they would fall into the hands of Henry Wallace, or any other person who might become the President of the United States. Who-

ur world...

To Crown Their String of Victories

Berlin .- Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, meeting in extreme secrecy, agreed on war measures that will bring the "blow of destruction against England in 1941" to crown the axis powers' string of victories, informed German quarters said. Hitler's secret meeting with Mussolini was described by a Fascist press organ as "a solemn warning" to the United States, and there were predictions that the Nazis would seek 52nd. Year. No. 22. to gain French bases in a supreme effort to drive the British navy from the Mediterranean. There were forecasts of a spring axis offensive intended to break Britain before the United States could make a material Highlights From contribution to her defense, and the tone taken by some authoritative writers suggested that there had been a virtual merger of German and Italian forces, The President's including their high commands.

• A Rock on Which to Beat Heads

Istanbul, Turkey .- The official Turkish wireless announced that the government "has gathered a great part of its army in Thrace (European Turkey), where it awaits any possible action." Discussing the pos-sibility of a German invasion across the Balkans the radio said: "Those who attack our steel fortress of Thrace are doomed to fall in the attempt! Turkey ment and a frame of life, is limfought on eight fronts in the last war-no one would ited or measured by a kind of doubt her ability to fight on one front alone. Those mythical and artificial fate-that who want to beat their heads on the rock may do so."

British Begin to Take Tobruk

Cairo, Egypt .-- Australian shock troops led by a crack British regiment smashed through Italian defenses at Tobruk, Libya, and captured many prisoners including a general, the British high command an-nounced. Despite the presence of German dive-bombers in the Mediterranean area the Royal Navy stood naught. offshore and poured high explosives into Tobruk where 30,000 Italians are besieged.

Italian Flight from Sudan

tory. It is human history, Cairo, Egypt .- British desert fighters have driven into Italian Eritrea at two points along the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and are continuing their advance in to go; that we must more greatly build the security and the opporflight from the Sudan reported to be general all along junity and the knowledge of every the 200-mile front, the British command said its forces citizen, in the measure justified Temperance Play were hard on the heels of Mussolini's men east of the by the resources and the capacity Eritrean towns of Tessenei and Sabderat, where forti- of the land. fied Fascist positions were captured without a struggle.

French Attitude Definitely Stiffer

Vichy .-- France refuses to turn over her immobi- alien world, lived on, the Amer- ven Church is establishing some- Urgent Gospel Need Where We lized fleet to Germany for use against Britain and ica we know would have perished. thing of a local record, for it is Live." Taking part on the proinsists upon full observance of the French-German armistice despite the reconciliation of Marshal Petain and Pierre Laval, an official spokesman said.

Gesture of Friendliness

Marriages

School Still Active

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Washington,-In a friendly gesture designed to improve relations with Moscow, the United States lifted a "moral embargo" on the export of airplanes and airplane equipment to Soviet Russia. Whether the move was part of an attempt to drive a wedge between Russia and the axis powers was not stated, but it has democracy. been known for some time that both Britain and the United States have been seeking better relations with the Soviet regime.

Tar Heels Advance in Washington

We do not retreat. We are Washington .- Springing into action after Mon- not content to stand still. As day's historic inauguration, the Senate and House Americans we go forward, in the of Representatives yesterday completed their organi- service of our country, by the zation, elevating North Carolinians into new positions will of God.



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

Inaugural Address

Lives of nations are determined

There are men who believe that

democracy, as a form of govern-

for some unexplained reason,

tyranny and slavery have become

the surging wave of the future.

But we Americans know that this

Prophets of the downfall of

American democracy have seen

their dire predictions come to

The democratic aspiration is no

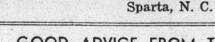
We know that we still have far

mere recent phase in human his-

Democracy is not dying.

is not true.

not by the count of years, but





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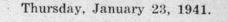
cation for every sacrifice that we and is the story of a young man may take in the cause of national who, when slightly drunk, wrecks Mrs. G. R. Blackburn offered hsi auto and causes the death of prayer. The president announced his cherished young wife, and

never before encountered, our ceiving the inheritance of a newsstrong purpose is to protect and paper from his father he will to perpetuate the integrity of absolutely exclude liquor advertis-

spirit of America, and the faith Brethren young people, and deof America.



Edwards Cross Roads, Jan. 20.



The Presidential **Inauguration** In **Fine Weather**

For the first time in perhaps 20 years the weather smiled upon the scene last Monday when Franklin Delano Roosevelt entered American history as the nation's first third-term President and immediately dedicated his future to perpetuating the "integ-rity of democracy" and to preserving its institutions against tyranny and slavery.

With representatives of the axis powers sitting behind him, amid an inaugural crowd of 100,-000 on the Capitol plaza, the President called on the American people to act "quickly, boldly and decisively" to preserve the "sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican form of government."

Clear, but sub-freezing weather bathed his third-term inauguration in sunshine-a happy augur after his blustery, rainswept in-augurations of 1933 an 1937.

The President rode to the Capitol down historic Pennsylvania avenue, through shivering crowds numbering nearly a million who stood in curbstone lines for hours to cheer him.

Mr. Roosevelt keynoted his third term with a simple inaugural speech, after Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes administered the Presidential oath to him for the third time.

His brief appeal was to the American people to "muster the spirit of America and the faith of America' to uphold their sacred democracy.

The President began his precedent-shattering third term a moment after Vice-President Henry A. Wallace was sworn in by the retiring Vice-President, John Nance Garner.

With Wallace inaugurated, Chief Justice Hughes administered the 152-year-old oath to Mr. Roosevelt, the President touching his hand to the 200-year-old Roosevelt family Bible at a passage, ending:

"And now abideth faith, hope, Mrs. Cordia Messick Pettyjohn charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

In taking his oath, the Presiillness of two months. She was born June 10, 1888 in Wilkes County, daughter of L. F. and Mary Messick, and was married "I, Franklin Delano Roosevelt,"

would faithfully execute the of-

protect and defend the Consti-

tution of the United States," the

President said to Justice Hughes:

He immediately corrected him-

The last official act of the re-

tiring Vice-President, Mr. Garner,

was to swear in his successor,

Mr. Wallace. Before that Mr.

Garner rode to the Capitol sitting

beside the President. After the

oath to Wallace, Mr. Garner

The President dedicated his in-

He reviewed the place democ-

augural address to "democracy."

"So help you God."

"So help me God."

dropped into private life.

Will Be Given Fifth Showing

killed, even though the nation's

The preservation of the spirit Saturday night for its fifth show- Mrs. F. W. Cheek, Miss Texie and faith of the nation does, and ing. As many will remember, it is Hoppers and Mrs. A. O. Joines. will, furnish the highest justifier entitled, "What Shall It Profit?" Mrs. J. T. Fender read the

defense. In the face of great perils who then resolves that upon reing. It is a gripping story, with many tense moments, ably pre-

For this we must preserve the sented by the Church of the

serving of the public support it has received.



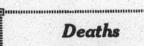
Rev. Mr. Strader, of Sparta, vis-

Liberty W. M. S. Met on Saturday Last Saturday the Liberty W.

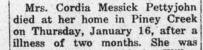
M. S. met for its January meeting at the church. The topic for study was, "An

to be given in Hanes this coming gram were Miss Pearl Benge, Mrs. J. T. Fender read the

the new song for the year and also the new watchword.



PETTYJOHN



ever that man might be, the power could not be recalled nor curtailed over his veto except by a two-thirds vote in each House of Congress. Many people have confidence in Mr. Roosevelt's handling of foreign affairs, but would they favor these same powers being exercised by Mr. Wallace?

The bill appears to repeal the Johnson Act and all other statutes which now stand in the way of the exercise of these vast powers. Under it, apparently the President could attempt to send American merchant ships,

the marriage of her niece, Miss manned by American sailors and convoyed by American warships, Marie Perry, to Milton D. Dunthrough the English Channel to can, on November 24, 1940 at the port of London. On such a York, S. C., Rev. E. G. Nunn ofvoyage, under the laws of war, ficating.

these ships would be subject to be stopped or sunk by the Ger- Mt. Zion Sunday man and Italian navies. Do the American people want to vest in the hands of a single man as It is reported that the Epworth age for health in the United fateful power as that?

British cruiser crippled in an winter. The Young People are and Miss Bates presented some engagement on the high seas urged to attend the Sunday of the very interesting history could seek shelter from its pur- School, which still continues to connected with the life and work suing foe at Pearl Harbor, Hono- meet at 10 o'clock every Sunday of Florence Nightingale, and how

lulu, or the Brooklyn Navy Yard. morning.

And it is reasonable to expect that its attackers would follow it, this sum will be exhausted for gram Mrs. Strader served refreshinto American waters. Do the at least a year. Consequently, American people want to invite any effort on the part of the Administration to create a crisis

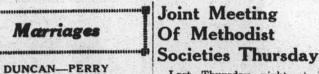
the war to our very shores? Under the bill the President Administration to create a crisis psychology to jam the bill through at his sole discretion could pur- Congress should be resisted, even chase munitions and supplies of by those who are wholly sympa war in one foreign country to be thetic toward more aid to Britain. shipped to another foreign coun- It is time to think of our own try, thus employing foreign labor skins and of American liberties. at the cost of American labor. If, as Mr. Roosevelt says, we Does labor want him to have this believe "in the freedom of expower?

This bill should be debated at ing the Hottentots and Whatnots, Lexington and Salisbury. length and without intimidation we should not now deny freedom from any source. There is no of expression to any American for reckless haste, discussing this bill-not even occasion American factories are now turn-Senator Wheeler.

ing out immense quantities of war supplies for Britain, and, according to Congressman Charles S. Dewey, of Illinois, former As-sistant Secretary of the Treasury, Britain has at least four billion dollars' worth of American in-

vestments left with which she can pay for this stream of sup-they don't try hard enough to There is no possibility that keep out of them.

of power and prestige. The Senate ratified the selection of Senator Robert R. Reynolds as Chairman of the District of Columbia committee; and in the House, Representative Carl T. Durham of the sixth district was officially named to the important committee on military affairs. Other shifts brought higher seniority ranking to other members of the delegation and measurably increased their influence.



DUNCAN—PERRY Miss Mae Doughton announces Strader's the adult and young peoples missionary groups of the Methodist Church met in joint session. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Inskeep, the vicepresident, Mrs. Parsons of Piney Creek, had charge. The program and discussion were under the leadership of Mrs. White, and the subject was, "Investing our Heritteful power as that? Under the terms of the bill, a League at Mt. Zion Methodist States." Following this general discussion on health, Mrs. Gambill

that work led to the founding of the Red Cross. Following the pro-

"Flu" Epidemic **Closes Many** Schools

ments.

Among the schools in the northwestern part of North Carolina which have been closed because of the epidemic of "flu" are those pression" to all peoples, includ- of North Wilkesboro, Mount Airy

Proposed Legislation

Among the bills presented to the Legislature at Raleigh for consideration and passage into

America's Future, inc., It's the minor mistakes which cause most of the major accidents. People get into accidents not because they want to, but because they don't try hard enough to Haw is one that has common sense strongly in its favor. Representative Gobble, of, For-syth, has introduced bill No. HB 43, "to dispense with the require-they don't try hard enough to in the state." I aw is one that has common sense strongly in its favor. Representative Gobble, of, For-syth, has introduced bill No. HB february 7 to 13, and it is being arranged for the Sparta Troop to have some little celebration also. Smith—My, all right. Why, allows every nighting Smith—More-allows every nighting Smith—More-Smith—Nore-Smith—State-Smith—Nore-Smith—More-Smith—More-Smith—Nore-S

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Norman of the Barrett community announce the arrival of a baby girl, weight five pounds.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hoppers on Saturday, January 18, a son, Billie A.



Three More Sparta Scouts

chell, Junior Gentry and Harold Wilkesboro on January 14, and el- ren. Irwin appeared before the Court of Review of the Boy Scouts or- 1941:

ganization and passed successfully the tests required. These three boys thus attain to the rank of Second Class Scout, which was reached in November by Lewis Wilkesboro branch,, D. V. Deal. Wagoner. All four boys are now

S. Mead, their answers to test Bakersville, Blowing Rock, Burns-questions were without hesitation ville, Valdese, and Jefferson. Reid Fender and Clifford

and stumbling. As soon as their

Boy Scout Anniversary Week all right. Why, she takes off my shoes every night. is to be observed nationally from Jones-When you come home and Mrs. H. C. Evans.

ited in the home of Mrs. Lena Gentry Friday. Dent Joines Tuesday night. Hasten Edwards, a highly respected citizen of Nile commun-

ity, passed away Sunday afternoon, and the funeral service James, Mattie, Nellie, Iva Lee, s was held at Pleasant Home Evelyn and Annie Ray, all at Church Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rector

and Mrs. Dent Joines visited in the home of Mrs. Lena Gentry Monday.

Arnold Rector, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rector, who has been in Elkin Hospital, with an infected eye, is improving and expected home soon.

E. C. Edwards, of Baywood, attended the funeral of his broth-

er, C. L. Edwards last Tuesday. Grover Osborne, of Battle

Creek, Nebraska, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dent Joines.

Northwestern **Bank Meeting**

Monday afternoon R. C. Mit-their annual meeting at North He is survived by several child-Millions upon millions of human

Secretary and Cashier, North church cemetery.

Directors: Harry Bailey, W. C.

Smith-My wife looks after me

Smith-No: when I want to go Greek Crouse made a business

in 1906 to James H. Pettyjohn. Mrs. Pettyjohn is survived by her fice of President and "preserve, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Osborne, of husband and thirteen children, Piney Creek, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Frank Hicks of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Worth McCann of Elkin, H. F. and Harold of New Jersey, L. F. of Flint, Mich., T. C. of New Mexico, and Coy, self, with an "ahem" and said:

home. Mrs. Pettyjohn is also survived by one sister, Mrs. F. R. Garwood of Cooleemee, and three

brothers. Mrs. Pettyjohn was a member of the Cool Springs Baptist church and was very active in church work. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Hill Baptist

church, Elkin, on Saturday, January 18.

racy has taken in the develop-**EDWARDS** ment of mankind, remarked that Hasten Edwards of Nile com- it was "still spreading on every munity was born in 1860 and continent" and told the American

passed away at his home on Sun- people its preservation furnished day, January 19, after a serious "highest justification for every illness that had continued for sacrifice that we may make in some time. Mr. Edwards' wife, the name of national defense."

The President's message was Nancy died some years ago. He was an outstanding and highly broadcast to the nation and by The stockholders and directors respected citizen, a member of short wave radio to the ends of

beings heard him, but of them

ected the following officers for Funeral services were held on all, the proudest probably was his 941: President, R. A. Doughton; Vi-Walter Evans and Geo. Oakley, James Roosevelt, who had the

ce-President, John McBee; Active at the Pleasant Home church at great privilege of watching her Vice-President, Edwin Duncan; Vox, and interment was in the son take the President's oath for the third time in eight years.

Mr. Roosevelt began by comparing the tasks of his third-term

Wagoner. All four boys are now working diligently on the re-quirements which lead them to First Class rank. Scoutmaster Thomas Haigwood has been drilling the boys care-fully in Scout lore, so when they appeared before the Court of Review consisting of J. G. Mit-chell, Rev. R. L. Berry and W. S. Mead, their answers to test weld together a nation.

"In Lincoln's day the task of Reid Fender and Clifford Tolliver spent the week-end with the people was to preserve nation from disruption from withhomefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Edwards "In this day the task of the were the week-end guests of Mr. people is to save that nation and its institutions from disruption Mrs. C. C. Choate and Mrs. from without.

"To us there has come a time, trip to Galax Thursday. (turn to page four, please)

Precaution

