



Washington, D. C. — Capital cloakroom comment is that anti-trust indictments against several of the largest chemical concerns in the country will be handed down early in June. The most serious charge will be that of collaborations with Nazi concerns to boost prices and restrict production of materials vital to the rearmament program. One indictment will be against a New Jersey concern which has been helping its parent company in Germany to run the blockade. Under Hitler such indictments are handed to the axman for immediate attention.

George Sylvester Viereck, self-styled historian, poet, student of propaganda, and confidant of Emperor William II, is probably best remembered as the No. 1 German propagandist in this country during World War I. Viereck, an American citizen, is back on the job, operating through a publicity outfit in the capital which recently sent out to all Senators and Congressmen who voted against the Aid-to-Britain bill, copies of a book titled "The Hundred Families That Rule the Empire." The publishers of the book, a company by the name of Flanders Hall, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, are, incidentally, the official printers for the German-American bond.

"The Hundred Families," according to the publicity release, is a "startling expose of the ruling classes of Britain" and was written by no less a personage than Dr. Giselher Wirsing, present editor of the Munich News and intimate of Hitler.

It may be merely a coincidence that this book bears a striking similarity to "The One Hundred Families" published in France shortly before the present conflict—a book which played no small part in creating dissension between capital and labor in that nation.

George Sylvester Viereck, the poet student of propaganda and friend of the ex-Kaiser, himself wrote the introduction to the book, in which he proudly declares: "If British imperialism survives this war at home or abroad, our illusions may be shattered. . . . There can be no new order in England nor in any quarter of the globe—until the mask of democracy is torn from the ruling cliques who are running the Empire. . . ." In other words, Herr Viereck wants to impress his fellow Americans with the one thought uppermost in his mind—Britain must be defeated, for only a victorious Germany can save the world—for Hitler!

Not all news releases sent out by private press services, however, are paid for by Nazi Germany. A pamphlet titled "Hitler's Secret Police" was sent to your correspondents a few days ago by the Friends of Democracy. This consists of reports substantiated by articles in the Schwartz Korps, official organ of Hitler's own Elite Guard, and sheds light on the methods used by Nazis in their attempt to "save" the Poles in occupied territory.

Of 20,000 Poles imprisoned at the Oswiecim concentration camp, the Gestapo (German secret police) reports that 3,000 have died in the last three months. . . . The National Socialist authorities make no secret of their determination to reduce the Poles to virtual serfs of the German "master race."

### \$15,000 Bull Goes To Virginia

On Tuesday, a week ago, in Pleasant Plains, Illinois, a purebred Aberdeen-Angus bull was auctioned for \$15,000, breaking a twenty-year-old price record on the books of the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association. The bull, Eileenmere 260, was sold by J. Garrett Tolan of Pleasant Plains to Col. A. E. Pierce of Canterbury Farms, Warrenton, Va.

### Talking About Advertising

Sometimes an ounce of performance is worth more than volumes of talk. Last week the Allegheny Motor Co., tried the Star-Times as an advertising medium, and offered 34 used cars for sale. The result was, they sold a total of \$2,600 worth of cars, or seven of those 34 offered, in the six days following the appearance of the ad.

That goes to prove that the Star-Times is read thoroughly in Allegheny county, and can help to sell goods.

## Our world...

### Chief Justice Hughes to Retire

Hyde Park, N. Y.—President Roosevelt accepted on Monday the request of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes that he be permitted to retire from the Supreme Court on July 1. The chief justice, in a letter, informed the President that "consideration of health and age makes it necessary that I should be relieved of the duties which I have been discharging with increasing difficulty."

### Crete is Surrendered to Hitler's Hosts

London.—Great Britain last Sunday announced the surrender of Crete to Adolf Hitler's air-borne invaders after 12 days of "the fiercest fighting of this war" and the evacuation of 15,000 surviving imperial troops to Egypt from a slaughter described as worse than anything since Dunkerque.

### French Fleet May Be in Action Soon

Berlin.—Authorized Nazi spokesmen said early Wednesday that France probably will receive "full German co-operation" under the provisions of recent negotiations if the French take up arms to resist a British attack on Syria. Germany, it was indicated, would relax the provisions of the Compiègne armistice to permit use of the immobilized French fleet against the British.

### Pope Pius Upholds Individual Rights

Vatican City.—Pope Pius XII defended the right and duties of the individual and families against too extensive state interference in a radio broadcast on Sunday commemorating the 50th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's social encyclical "Rerum novarum." The pontiff, speaking in Italian over the Vatican radio, upheld man's right to freedom in his "physical, spiritual, religious and moral movements." He warned against the "error" of the belief that "the scope of man on earth is society." "Society is not an end in itself," the holy father asserted.

### Terrible Fire Loss in Jersey City

Jersey City, N. J.—Fire Chief Frank Ertle estimates that damage from the fire which swept the eight blocks of the Jersey City waterfront had caused damage in excess of \$25,000,000, much of it to defense stores. Ertle, describing it as "the worst fire in the history of Jersey City," told newspaper men "its cause is unknown, but get sabotage out of your mind."

### Senator Byrd Resents Unhindered Strikes

Washington, D. C.—Senator Byrd (D) Va., called upon President Roosevelt to remove Miss Frances Perkins as secretary of labor or to take from her department the power to certify strikes to the Defense Mediation Board. Addressing the Senate in Washington, he said that on May 31 there were 74 strikes against industries supplying army and navy orders, of which only three had been certified to the mediation board. These figures, he said did not include 21 threatened strikes or strikes in industries building merchant ships.

### Sergeant Hash Honored By Large Gathering

More than a hundred friends and relatives gathered on Sunday, June 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hash, of Piney Creek, to honor their son, First Sergeant Grover C. Hash, who has been away serving with the United States Army for nearly 30 years, and recently came home from Camp Jackson in South Carolina for a visit.

As a matter of fact, Sergeant Hash was away from his post on a two-day leave, and flew to Winston-Salem with a friend. Being so near home he telephoned back for a ten-day furlough, and came on to see his folks. Besides his aged father and mother there are several sisters and brothers scattered in Allegheny county.

Refreshments were served on the lawn by Mrs. Guy Perry and Mrs. Luna Weaver. The occasion was a very happy one for Mr. and Mrs. Hash, and it gave Sergeant Hash a grand opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

### Lucille Ford Circle Will Meet

The Lucille Ford circle of the Baptist W. M. S., will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. R. L. Hickerson on Tuesday night, June 10, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Claude Miles will be program leader, the topic for the month being, "An Urgent Gospel-night in Europe." All members are urged to be present.

### Birthday Party For Fred Weaver

A lawn birthday party was given last Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. F. G. Weaver, of Peden, honoring her son, Fred J., on his 14th birthday. Mrs. Weaver was assisted by Miss Velma Pugh, of Topia.

The birthday motif was carried out very successfully, and the porch and lawn were beautifully decorated with orange azaleas, Rhododendron and Spring Pinks. Several of Fred's friends were present and many nice birthday gifts were presented.

Games were played, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Weaver and Miss Pugh.

It was a "happy birthday," indeed! Real life never presents a simple choice between an absolute right and an absolute wrong.—Sherwood Eddy.

### Bible School Success Very Gratifying

After Rev. Mr. Sears saw that his original aim of an enrollment of 50 at the Sparta Vacation Bible school was to be exceeded he moved his goal up to 100—and almost reached it. The total enrollment was 98, with an average daily attendance of 58, and an average daily increase of 6. There were 26 who had a perfect attendance record for the whole session, and there were three conversions at the close.

The picnic last Friday at Bluff Park was a big success, what with ten cars loaded with 75 youngsters and ample supplies of cake, ice cream and lemonade. There's a winning combination.

On Sunday morning, following Sunday School, they had a happy time with a Vacation Bible school commencement.

This week a similar Bible school is being carried on by Rev. and Mrs. Sears at the Laurel Springs Baptist church. They opened on Monday with 54 in attendance, and increased to 64 on Tuesday.

### Walnut Branch

Walnut Branch, June 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell, from Whitehead, visited the home of Misses Etta and Charity Moxley last Wednesday.

Miss Ilene Musgrove visited Misses Clairbel and Betty Jean Fender last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richardson and son, Allen, from Sparta, spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Etta and Charity Moxley.

Mrs. Dora Musgrove visited Mrs. Clayton Fender Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Reba Lee Hines, from Stratford, spent the week-end with Misses Clairbel and Betty Jean Fender.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wiles and little son, Robert, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones Sunday.

The time of the Walnut Branch Sunday school has been changed from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock.

A none-too-modest Virginia Dare has finally got a home on Roanoke Island after considerable wandering. A marble statue—an artist's conception of the grown-up Virginia, first child born of English parents in America—was carried from the state capitol to Roanoke Island to be put on display at the site of the first English settlement.

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## Near 700 Friends Helped Celebrate 80th Anniversary

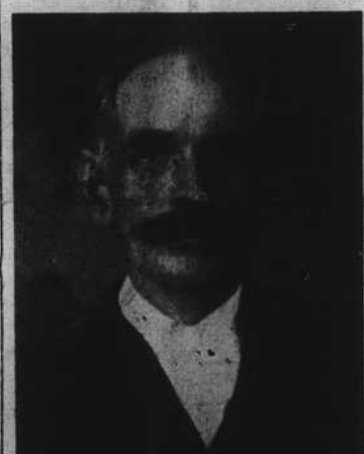
Elder Jefferson Davis Vass has been a minister of the Primitive Baptist church for more than 50 years, and on Thursday, May 22, nearly 700 of his neighbors, friends and relatives, from Carroll, Grayson and Pulaski counties and beyond, gathered at his home in the Cap section of Carroll county, to help him celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary.

Included in the group of nearest relatives were two daughters and two sons of this honored minister, Mrs. Floyd W. Williams, of Galax; Mrs. Humes L. Franklin, of Hillsville; James R. Vass, of Fancy Gap, and Town Manager I. G. Vass, of Waynesboro, in addition to Elder Vass' only living brother, J. Frank Vass, of Galax.

One of the major features of the celebration was a religious service conducted at 11 o'clock, at which time Elder Vass preached from the text: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," II Timothy 4:7. Other ministers present were Elder John Williams and Elder J. R. Cruise. During the service several of the old songs were sung.

Immediately after the service, dinner was served on a long table

## Birthday Celebration



ELDER J. D. VASS

that had been erected under the shade of the trees on the lawn of the Vass home. The table was covered with one of the greatest profusions of "eats" ever seen in this section. The beautiful birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Wyatt Martin, of Hillsville, was of high-tier design, made up so as to bring out the form of a basket of flowers on the top, in colors. Another beautifully decorated cake, bearing 80 candles, was presented by Mrs. Paul H. Kapp, of Galax, a niece of Elder Vass.

Perhaps among the many sons of Carroll county there is none today who is more widely known or more greatly beloved by so wide a circle of friends and acquaintances—than Elder J. D. Vass. He is one of the oldest ministers in this entire section of Virginia, and it has been said that there is no section of the Old Dominion in which Elder Vass has not preached during the more than 50 years that he has spent in the Christian ministry. He has also preached extensively in North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, and some in Kentucky and elsewhere.

Elder Vass has probably taken part in more funeral services and performed more wedding ceremonies than any other minister in Carroll county, if not in the entire territory included in the Twin counties.

Born on May 22, 1861, near Cap, in Carroll county, just as the shadows of the Civil War were spreading rapidly over the land, this son of the late Elder John Hester Vass and wife, Mrs. Jane Puckett Vass, was given the name of Jefferson Davis, in honor of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy.

On August 31, 1882, Jefferson Davis Vass was married to Miss Urina Davis Bryant, who was born and reared near Woodlawn. Together they spent more than 50 golden and happy years, and on August 31, 1932, in the peace (turn to page two, please)

## North Carolina 4-H Club Winners



MILDRED THOMAS



ROBERT N. WOOD



BRAXTON COATES



PANSY DILLARD

Cream of North Carolina's Crop of 55,000 4-H Club members, the two girls and two boys pictured above, will mingle with outstanding youths from other states at the National 4-H Club Encampment in Washington, June 18-25. Picked for their brilliant records in club work, the four will spend a week in the Nation's capital attending special meetings and making visits to places of interest, according to Club Leader L. R. Harrell. Mildred Thomas, 17, of Morrisville, Durham County, has been a club member for nine years; Pansy Dillard, 17, of Sylva, Jackson County, has been a club member for the past four years and is now a freshman at Western Carolina Teachers College; Braxton Coates, 19, of Smithfield, Johnston County, has been a club member for the past six years; and Robert Wood, 18, of Graham, Alamance County, has been in club work four years and is now a freshman at State College.

## Brethren Church Conference Of Young People

A young peoples conference was held in the New Haven church of the Brethren from Friday, May 30th to Sunday, June 1st. There were delegates from several of the churches in the district.

The conference began at 4:30 on Friday, the young people were registered. After a delicious supper, served at the church, a beautiful vesper service was held on the church lawn, the guest speaker being A. D. Harrell, of Relief, N. C. Later an interesting lecture was given by Rev. F. F. Dancy, of Boone, N. C. Most of Saturday was spent in round table discussion. The main topics were: The Ideals of the Church of the Brethren, The Conscientious Objectors and Possibility of Military Draft for Girls, and Future Plans of the B. Y. P. D.

On Saturday night a very impressive candle lighting service was held, Miss Ethel Henderson, of Landrum, S. C., being in charge.

On Sunday morning Sunday school was held, after which Rev. Fred Harrell, of Relief, N. C., delivered an inspiring sermon. After dinner was served, good-byes were said, and the young people returned to their homes with a determination to do more and better work in their local churches.

## Baptist Radio Hour

Sunday, June 8th  
Station WPTF Raleigh, 4:00 to 4:30 E. S. T. S. L. Stealy, "Christ and Human Sin."

Sunday, June 15th  
Station WPTF Raleigh, 4:00 to 4:30 E. S. T. Forest C. Feozor, "Christ and a Transformed Life."

Sunday, June 22nd  
Station WPTF Raleigh, 4:00 to 4:30 E. S. T. Lee C. Sheppard, "Christ and a New World."

Sunday, June 29th  
Station WPTF Raleigh, 4:00 to 4:30 E. S. T. E. N. Gardner, "Christ Our Present Hope."

## 4-H Club Girls Will Can All They Can

"Can all we can!" That's what 4-H Club girls in every state of the Union are determined to do this year, to help build up a vitally important healthy people for home and national defense.

A special incentive to the 250,000 club members with that patriotic goal in mind is the 1941 national 4-H canning achievement competition, in which they will learn how to preserve fruits, vegetables and meats produced on their farms. They also will receive training in serving their canned products to promote a nourishing, varied and well-balanced diet.

Based on records of last year's participants, it is estimated that these clubsters will put up roundly nine million jars of food during 1941. It is pointed out that these home-canned products will not only appreciably reduce expenditures for food, but they will supply highly essential strength-building, nerve-bolstering vitamins in family meals, of which the farm diet, according to authorities, is notably deficient. This activity is of permanent importance at this time, said Mrs. Alexander H. Kerr, president of a glass jar concern which provides the awards, "as it serves to build up health, and that is one of the first lines of our home and national security."

County winners will each receive a gold medal, and their records will be submitted to their State Extension office in competition for the State award, which is an all-expense trip to the 29th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago next November. Five national winners selected from recipients of State honors will each receive a \$200 college scholarship.

## Soldier Dies at 124

Lima, Peru.—Fernando Ledefma, who claimed to be 124, a retired cavalry sergeant, died Monday at the San Bartolome Military hospital. He had survived two wives and was the father of 33 children, of whom the youngest is 48.

## United Service Organization Making Progress

A county-wide canvass to secure the \$125.00, which is Alleghany's quota of the amount to be raised, began yesterday, under the direction of county chairman, Senator Eugene Transou.

However, \$32.00 has already been gathered and is on deposit in the bank, of which amount the Woman's Club gave \$15.00. Mrs. A. V. Choate is the representative of the Woman's Club on the county committee, and Victor Phipps the representative of the American Legion.

Mr. Ralph Hanes, of Winston-Salem, is the state chairman of the U. S. O.

At a meeting of the parents and relatives of New York's 45,000 service men gathered recently at Madison Square Garden, the chief speaker was National U. S. O. Campaign Chairman Thomas E. Dewey. In his remarks, Mr. Dewey said: "There is an urgent need for every citizen to get behind the movement to make the lot of the service man easier by providing ways and means for his recreation, guidance, and comfort in his off-time as well as when he is on the reservation. The boys are getting along fine. Taking everything in stride. Putting on weight, all muscle." Then he explained the need for recreational and welfare facilities near the camps and he

## N. C. Chairman, USO



RALPH HANES

urged the parents back home to get behind the people for funds to support the United Service Organizations Campaign.

He said further: "Everywhere there are the same conditions of limited preparation for the influx of boys from all over the country. Cities that have no facilities for taking care of them are flooded with men in uniform who become homesick, heartsick and dispirited when they have no place to go, no place to eat, no place to sleep, and not even necessary lavatory and comfort station requirements. They can't stay all the time in their tents under the eyes of their officers. It is the duty of America to provide the (turn to page two, please)

## Next Sunday At The Churches

June 8th, 23rd Sunday  
Sparta Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, Rev. R. L. Berry, and at Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.

Sparta Baptist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. V. W. Sears, sermon to be followed by the Lord's supper.

Rev. V. W. Sears will preach at Laurel Springs at 8 o'clock.

Piney Creek Methodist church at 8 o'clock, Rev. L. F. Strader.

Laurel Springs Methodist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. S. G. Ferree, and at Transou at 2:30 o'clock.

At Woodruff church on Saturday at 12 o'clock, and on Sunday at 11 o'clock, Elder Billy Brooks.

Decoration at Little Pine church.

Decoration at Glade Creek church.