



Washington, D. C.—In Washington official circles no sympathy is expressed for Joseph Stalin. Having virtually provoked the war by signing his non-aggression pact with Hitler in 1939, he utilized the orgy of blood and destruction that followed to pillage Poland and annex the Baltic states and attack Finland. Europe might still be at peace if Stalin had concluded the long drawn out Franco-British-Russian negotiations which preceded the outbreak of the war, instead of double-crossing them with his deal with the Nazis.

The first reaction of our State Department can be likened to a man who finds himself in a field with a mad dog, and the mad dog turns suddenly to attack a wolf that had been following him. The man hopes that the fight will be a long one and that the mad dog will break his neck. Though most experts believe that Russia will not be able to withstand Hitler's powerful war machine for many months, American and British aid, if given in time, will make a quick Hitler victory impossible. In any event, Hitler cannot start any important action elsewhere while his Russian campaign is in progress. During that time the United States and Britain will be given the opportunity to increase their defense output and to develop their respective armies and air strength. Indeed Hitler's invasion of Russia may cost him his victory.

An edition of the New Masses, Communist publication in the United States, dated June 24th, contains an editorial entitled "Overtime in the Rumor Mills" (probably written a few days before the Nazi invasion of Russia began.) In it the editors jeer heartily at the stories of German-Soviet discord and credit them to the "capitalist press." The Communist magazine adds: "In admitting German concentrations along the Soviet-German border, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, pointed out clearly and with its usual precision that rumors of strained relations were being spread by the enemies of the Soviet Union. . . . The newspapers can predict to their heart's content; they cannot exercise the reality of Soviet union and Soviet might with dope stories from London, Berlin and Washington."

Moscow subordinates in this country have never found it difficult to believe and repeat every word Moscow told them. They must now renounce their cooperation with isolationists, Nazis and Fascists and their "explanation" of this about-face will be something to listen to.

BRIEFLY: Japan is being shown unusual consideration by being left-out of the order freezing foreign funds. This and other considerations will continue to be shown as long as she remains "on good behavior" in her dealings with the Dutch East Indies. . . . Many career men among the German consular officials being recalled from the United States are expressing privately their fear of having to live in wartime Germany.

Revival Services To Begin At Scottville

Rev. W. H. Caldwell announces that on Monday night, July 7th, he will begin a series of revival meetings in the Scottville Baptist church, to continue each night at 8 o'clock for a week or more. Rev. Mr. Caldwell is just closing a revival at the Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Little Pine

Little Pine, June 30.—Decoration services were held at Saddle Mountain last Sunday, with a large attendance.

Mrs. James Andrews and children, Sam and Shirley, are visiting home folks here.

Miss Thelma Greene spent Saturday night with Pauline Poole.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Vaughan left for Maryland last Thursday where they expect to get work.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Greene, of Galax, visited relatives here Sunday.

Decoration service will be held at the old Poole cemetery this coming Sunday.

The 14,000 bushel tomato crop produced by North Carolina growers in 1940 was the largest on record for the State, reports the Crop Reporting Service of the U. S. and N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Our world...

Daylight Air Raids On Germany

London.—In a significant daylight raid on Monday the R. A. F. bombed Kiel, seat of Germany's seapower in the Baltic, and followed up with a destructive attack on a power station near Lens, France, 40 miles inland and south of Dunkerque. America and Americans were linked to the expanding aerial assault on Germany's western front. The American Eagle squadron, manned by volunteers from the United States, has been in the vanguard of fighter sweeps over the continent, informed sources said.

Knox Says, "Let's Clear the Atlantic"

Boston.—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox asserted on Monday that "the time to use our navy to clear the Atlantic of the German menace is at hand." "Now is the time to strike," Knox told the thirty-third annual governors' conference in the most forceful speech by an administration leader since the war began. "At this time, while Hitler is busy crushing Russia," said Knox, "we are presented with an opportunity to vitally aid Britain."

Paderewski, Polish Statesman, Dead

New York.—The body of Ignace Jan Paderewski, famed Polish pianist and statesman who died Sunday night of pneumonia at the age of 80, will be interred at the Arlington Memorial National Cemetery—resting place of the United States' military dead—until the end of the war, it was announced yesterday.

Biggest Single Appropriation Ever Signed

Hyde Park, N. Y.—The biggest single appropriation bill ever enacted, a ten-billion-dollar measure for America's growing army, was signed late Monday by President Roosevelt. Not even when the nation was fighting the World War had a president touched a pen to legislation carrying such a vast sum. Mr. Roosevelt also signed into law a bill continuing the treasury's two-billion-dollar stabilization fund and extending for two years his power to devalue the dollar further.

Russians and Germans Fighting Fiercely

Moscow.—Russian troops have repulsed a gigantic German-Finnish offensive extending the entire length of the Russian-Finnish border and have cut off advance German tank columns in the direction of Minsk, a Soviet war communique reported.

Sunday School Field Workers Are Helping

Four young ladies arrived here last Saturday to work in the Baptist Sunday schools for two weeks, under the direction of L. L. Morgan, State Sunday school secretary, of Raleigh. Each young lady is conducting a Daily Vacation Bible school in the morning and teaching a Sunday School Study Course in the evening.

Miss Alma Carlton, of Bowling Green, Va., is at Scottville; Miss Edith Hayes, of Leicester, is at Chestnut Grove; Miss Mildred Davis, of Pendleton, is at Belview, and Miss Mattie Stinson, of Goldston, is at New Hope.

They expect to go to other churches in the association next week.

Gratifying reports are coming regarding the good work these young women are doing.

Next week one of the young ladies will conduct a Sunday School Study Course in the Sparta Baptist church each night at 7:30 o'clock. A similar course will be conducted at Liberty church.

Although ranking 20th among the states in the acreage of cultivated crop land in 1940, North Carolina was exceeded by only three states in cash income from crops, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

U. S. O. Fund Climbs Steadily

Rev. Mr. Ervin, who is promoting the publicity for the United Service Organization fund, says, "It is easier to give a day's income to the U. S. O. than to spend a year in the army." He also brings the information that the total gathered to date is \$80.15 on the \$125 goal. The largest amount brought in by any canvasser so far is the \$20 brought by Rev. Mr. Berry; the largest amount from any family is \$8 from the Hamptons at Shiloh; the largest from a group in a business house is \$3.75 from Castevens Motor Co., and the largest from an individual is \$5 from Eugene Transou.

Announcement

At the request of the Treasury Department we announce a new feature of interest and service to many readers who are buying or will buy Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps. This will be called the Defense Bond Quiz, and will start in next week's issue.

The questions will be chosen from among those asked by most Bond and Stamp buyers. The answers will tell what the new Defense Savings Program means to the individual and to the Nation.

Coming Clean! . . . by Squier

BATHING WAS ONCE A SOCIAL EVENT. . .

IN THE MIDDLE AGES A BATH WAS A CROSS BETWEEN A RECEPTION AND A PICNIC. HOSTS AND HOSTESSES ENTERTAINED AT BATH PARTIES—REFRESHMENTS AND ALL!

BEN FRANKLIN OWNED A QUEER CONTRIVANCE CALLED A SLIPPER BATH. THE SHOE SHAPED GADGET WAS ONE OF THE FIRST BATH TUBS EVER SEEN IN THIS COUNTRY.

A BATH TUB KEPT UNDER A TRAP DOOR IN THE DINING ROOM WAS ONE OF THE "MODERN IMPROVEMENTS" CITED IN GODDARD'S LADIES BOOK FOR 1854.

ENGLISHMEN OF KING EDGAR'S DAY WHO BATHED AS OFTEN AS ONCE A WEEK WERE CONSIDERED FOPPS.

TODAY A PERSON WHO OMITS A DAILY BATH IS NOT CONSIDERED WELL GROOMED.

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165 Years ago our forefathers dedicated their lives and their fortunes to a defense of human rights they believed were God-given and inalienable.

This flag is the emblem of the nation which grew and prospered in the practice of those principles.

Today those basic human rights are being denied in large areas of the earth. They are even being challenged in our own land.

What is the measure of our personal and individual loyalty to this flag today? How far will we go in sacrificing personal advantage that the flag may continue to wave nobly,—the emblem of a noble people?

Boys and Girls Camp on Toe River Is Open

A real camp on Toe River near Marion, N. C., is open during July for girls between the ages of 8 and 18. This camp is operated through the cooperation between the National Forestry Service and the WPA Recreation Project. It is supervised by trained counsellors, a dietitian and a trained nurse. Mrs. Annie Glenn McCoy, recognized as the outstanding camp director in North Carolina, is the director. The girls have the camp for July and the boys will have it for August.

Youngsters are accepted only for a two-week period, and the cost is ten dollars. Let's go! Further information may be had by addressing Paul Nafe, Camp Committee, Marion, N. C.

Topia

Topia, July 1.—Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Moxley Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Estep and family, of Stratford, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green, of Glade Valley.

Mrs. Myrtle Toliver spent Sunday with Mrs. Lula A. Pugh.

Misses Katherine and Ruby Farrington, of Wagoner, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Caudill Monday. They also spent a short while with Mrs. D. M. Pugh.

Mrs. E. O. Carson and children, Henry and Francis, and Misses Vesta Pugh and Louise Rector, of Lenoir, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh Sunday. They were accompanied back to Lenoir by Miss Velma Pugh.

North Carolina ranked fourth in cowpea hay production in 1940 compared with other states, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

Biggest Spy Roundup In Our History

On Monday word came from New York that J. Edgar Hoover and his Federal Bureau of Investigation had rounded up and arrested 29 persons — three of them women and 22 of them of German birth — on charges of conspiracy to engage in espionage activities in the United States. This is easily the greatest spy roundup in the nation's history.

Culminating a two-year investigation and a program of "most extensive counter espionage," Hoover said, 18 of the group were arrested in their homes and in taverns in the New York metropolitan area by F. B. I. men who moved swiftly and with the greatest secrecy.

Four were taken in New Jersey, one in Michigan, one in Wisconsin and five previously had been placed in custody by Federal authorities on other charges.

Special Service at Moxley Cemetery On July 4th

At the old Moxley cemetery, one mile south of Sparta, there will be held a special memorial and preaching service on Friday, July 4th, at 2:30 o'clock. All who have relatives or friends buried there are invited. The public is also invited. Elder H. C. Moxley from Kentucky, and formerly of Alleghany county, will be present to preach, and Elder W. M. Moxley and Elder John Toliver are also expected.

Traffic Deaths Increasing Alarming

Traffic fatalities for the state of North Carolina as a whole totaled 448 persons for the five-month period ending May 31st, this grim toll running nearly 49 per cent ahead of the 301 persons killed in North Carolina the first five months of last year.

Eleven counties had 10 or more fatalities. No fatalities were recorded in Alleghany and 13 other counties.

"There has been a constant upward trend in traffic deaths in this state since last August, with the result that we are now running nearly 50 per cent above last year in the number of persons killed in street and highway accidents," stated Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

"This trend can be stopped, and careless motorists and pedestrians must make up their minds that it shall be stopped. This carnage is unnecessary. And it is preventable. Let's stop it."

How? Less drinking and more thinking; less dreaming and more watching; less chance-taking and more safe arrivals.

Successful Bible School At Liberty

The Daily Vacation Bible School at Liberty Baptist church, Whitehead, closed with a picnic on White Top Mountain, Va., on Saturday and a commencement program on Sunday, June 29. The enrollment was 42, with an average attendance of 36.

The teachers were J. K. Blum, Mrs. R. E. Richardson, Mrs. W. P. Maxwell and Mrs. L. V. Joines. Rev. G. R. Blackburn is pastor and Miss Faye Joines was principal.

War Punishing Sins of Mankind Says Pope Pius

In a radio speech broadcast to the world last Sunday from Vatican City, Pope Pius XII for the first time attributed the war to the hand of divine providence as punishment for the sins of mankind. He did not specifically mention the Russian-German conflict.

In his broadcast the Pope advised Catholics to "trust in God," who would restore "justice, calm and peace" in his own due time after "having let the hurricane loose for a moment on humanity."

The Pontiff began his speech by saying that he, too, felt his heart "grow faint at the tempest of evil, of suffering and of anguish that now rages over the world."

The Pope said that to trust in God means "believing that God can permit at times here below" the "predominance of atheism and impiety, lamentable obscuring of the sense of justice, violation of law, tormenting of innocent, peaceful, undefended and helpless men."

Trusting in God, the Pope said, "means believing that God at times thus lets trials befall individuals and peoples, trials of which the malice of men is the instrument in a design of justice directed towards the punishment of sin, towards purifying persons and peoples through the expiations of this present life and bringing them back by this way to himself; but it means believing at the same time that this justice always remains here below the justice of a father inspired and dominated by love."

Methodist Bible School And Revival To Begin

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the Methodist church of Elkin, will preach in the Sparta Methodist church. This service will mark the opening of a series of revival meetings to be held each night at 8 o'clock.

Monday morning, July 7th, at 9 o'clock the Methodist Vacation Bible School will open with Mrs. Harry Vaughan, Miss Josephine Inskeep and Mrs. Dalton Warren in charge. The Bible school will hold for two hours each morning and will run for two weeks.

Presbyterian Bible School Picnic Today

The Presbyterian Bible School which has had a particularly successful session, with a total enrollment above 80, will close with a picnic today.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Carter, from Anderson, S. C., continues his sermons each night at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian church.

Next Sunday At The Churches

July 6, 27th Sunday

Sparta Methodist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Strader, and at 8 o'clock Rev. Herman Duncan, of Elkin, and each night at same hour.

Laurel Springs Baptist church at 11 o'clock.

Mt. Zion Methodist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Ferree.

Church of the Brethren, Twin Oaks, at 11 o'clock.

Services at Little River Regular Baptist churches: Double Springs, Laurel Glen, Mt. Olivet, Roaring Gap.

Services at Union Baptist churches: Mt. Union, Communion at Glade Creek church.

At Mt. Carmel church, Cherry Lane, annual decoration and communion service.

Decoration service at the old Poole cemetery, near Little Pine.

Pleasant Grove church at 8 o'clock, Rev. Carlie McKnight.