

Washington, D. C .- The probable effect of the Russo-German war on the Far Eastern situation in general and Japan in particular is being discussed here. Japanese statesmen are now more confused than ever as a result of the latest developments.

Just as Japan was wavering over the question of a southern push she is confronted with the problem of a northern expedition. This places her in more of a dilemma than ever. To abandon the program of southward expansion would shut her off from the strategic supplies in that region, while the failure to attack Russia would mean the loss of a golden opportunity, as well as breaking German faith in her. Evidently it is impossible for her

to undertake both. She probably will continue to act as opportunity offers, choosing her course according to the fortunes of the belligerents.

The Executive order of President Roosevelt provides for an army of 900,000 men to be inducted into the land forces of the United States within the next year. Lincoln called for 300,000 men to put down the war in ninety days. Evidently our new army will continue to grow unless the European War comes to an unexpected close.

The English plan brings on another shift in the British Cabinet. But the United States is not so lucky. Ask nine men out of ten what they think of Ickes and Perkins and they will vote in favor of changing that part of the Cabinet.

### "Nice Letter" Is Displayed **By President**

President Roosevelt read to his press conference yesterday a letter from a man who would "rather be an American than anything else on earth."

The President said he thought it was a rather nice letter and gave out the text for publication. The sender was identified only as a resident of Missouri and his name was withheld. The letter, dated June 29, read:

Dear President Roosevelt: I am a married man, 28 years

old; a boy 3, a girl 1. Here's how I feel about being an American. My ancestors were Czechoslo-

vakians, my wife's English; but we're Americans. I look at my refrigerator, my

oil heater, and my radio. I'm glad I'm an American.

My children get cod nourishing food, and a doctor's watchful care. They'll be glad they're Americans. This morning, I went to Amongst my neighbors, church. unafraid and unmolested, I thanked God for giving us America.

# Our world...

J. S. Naval Forces Land in Iceland

Washington .- United States naval forces landed in Iceland on Monday to relieve the British defenders on that island, and President Roosevelt issued sweeping orders to the Atlantic fleet to "insure the safety of communications" between the United States and all "strategic outposts."

President Urges More Work, More Prayer Atlantic City, N. J.—President Roosevelt urged Americans to work and pray for a new international order "in which the spirit of Christ shall rule." His plea was contained in a message read as the International Society of Christian Endeavor opened its 60th anniversary convention here.

### Germans Are Meeting Bitter Resistance

Berlin.-The bitterest fighting yet encountered in the Nazi-Soviet war was reported unfolding on the Russian plains as the German infantry stormed tricky and deceptive defenses which, Nazis said, had been prepared for years by the Soviet army leaders. The German high command devoted just one sentence to the Russian campaign, and that is customary when the fighting is hard. The daily communique said simply: "Operations on the eastern front are proceeding on schedule."

### Russia Urges Britain To Strike Hard, Now

London.—Russia urged Great Britain, in a radio appeal by Maxim Litvinoff, to hurl her full weight against Germany in the west while the Red army withstands the shock of the Nazi war machine in the east and force Adolf Hitler to wage war' on two fronts. Litvinoff laid stress upon the opportunity afforded Britain and Russia to force Hitler to fight on two fronts and risk the same kind of defeat that overtook the Kaiser's armies in the World War.

### • Britain Really Laying It On The Germans

London .- Hundreds of British bombers struck across the English Channel yesterday, eluding the Germans' new floating anti-aircraft batteries, to blast targets in northern France and Germany, among them the Nazi naval base of Wilhelmshaven. The R. A. F.'s attack on western German bases, airfields, factories and communications, day and night, since June 11, gained intesity, authoritative statements disclosed. Attacks on German naval bases such as Wilhelmshaven were regarded as primarily intended to destroy or cripple Germany's output of submarines.

## Serious North Wilkesboro Fire

North Wilkesboro .- Fire of undetermined origin late Saturday night almost demolished the building and plant of Wilkes Milling Company here, causing damage estimated to exceed \$20,000. The two upper floors were almost completely demolished and water did extensive damage to the two lower floors and destroyed the stock of wheat, corn, flour and feed on hand.

### Peru and Ecuador Begin A Fight

Guayaquil, Ecuador .- Peruvian warplanes and artillery, bringing actual warfare to the Western Hemisphere, bombed and shelled frontier towns along the disputed border province of El Oro yesterday in the third day of undeclared war renewing a continue the third day of undeclared war renewing a centuryold boundary quarrel, Ecuadorian officials claimed.

### French Spurn A Peace Offer by British

Ankara, Turkey .- Britain has proposed a "pain- of the celebration committee met and the following are those upon less armistice" in Syria with generous surrender terms with Mayor Walter G. Andrews whom the lot has fallen to go: to the Vichy troops, it was reported, but the French and members of the Galax town Leff J. Caudill commander in the Levant, General Henri Dentz, is council Saturday night, July 5, Dent B. Pugh described as determined to fight to the end. and plans were worked out whereby the celebration could be continued this week until midboro, but has spent some time Stratford night Saturday, July 12. in Los Angeles, Calif. Due to the very rainy weather C. G. Fender and his father, it was almost impossible for the Stratford, July 8 .- Mr. and Elder Isom Fender, visited with people to attend the carnival last Mrs. Richard Morrison are spend- Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fender Monweek and it is hoped that they will have an opportunity to turn



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

Sparta, N. C.

The War in China

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TOP: These Chinese children were taken off the streets of Chungking after the above picture was snapped, and are today safe in one of Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek's orphanages near the bombed city.

BOTTOM: A caravan of ambulances and supply trucks moving up the Burma Road to Chungking carrying the relief supplies donated by Americans halt at a typical Chinese village.

### Firemen's Carnival Ten More Boys To Go Next At Galax Held Friday, July 18

The Firemen's Ninth Annual Alleghany county is called upon Carnival and Celebration which to send ten more boys to Fort was being held at Galax all last Bragg next Friday, July 18th, week is still under way. Members for a year of military training,

Homecoming To Mark 50th

The Laurel Springs Baptist church will celebrate its 50th And Three church will celebrate its own anniversary on Sunday, July 27th, with a grand Homecoming and on the church grounds.

Hill, will be the feature speaker out of the Alleghany county jailof the day. To complete half a century of house,

service to a community is something worthy of celebration.

### Sunday School Group Meeting

Last Saturday at 2:30 the State Sunday School field representatives met at the Baptist Earl Dixon, of Edmonds, jailed church. Miss Carlton led the early Sunday night on a charge singing, and Miss Edith Hayes of operating an automobile while conducted a beautiful devotional intoxicated; Bert Hendrix, of with a chalk talk. Miss Mildred Hare, awaiting trial on a charge Davis presided.

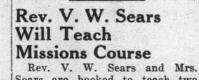
Classes and census taken at New Chestnut Grove churches.

address

V. W. Sears, A. O. Joines, mod-Rev. W. H. Caldwell.

study course at Liberty, Miss teaching a study course and Bible school at New River church.

week for Sunday School week there.



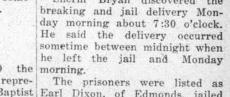
School of Missions which will be

services. Dinner will be served Thieves broke into the office of Sheriff Dewitt Bryan, located Many of the church's former on the main floor of the court pastors will be present at this house, sometime Sunday night, 50th anniversary celebration, and stole keys to the jail from his Dr. Walt N. Johnson, of Mars desk, and turned three prisoners

Thursday, July 10, 1941.

**Jail Keys Stolen** 

on the second floor of the court-Sheriff Bryan discovered the



of drunkenness, and Bertha At-

Encouraging reports were made wood, 19, of Sparta, awaiting on the Bible Schools and Study trial on a charge of vagrancy. Sheriff Bryan said the trio and Hope, Scottville, Belview, and those who aided them in escap-

ing, stole Dixon's car from a A beautiful duet was rendered, storage shed near Sparta and fled. and Rev. Mr. Ussery, guest He said he confiscated Dixon's speaker, delivered an inspiring car when he was arrested.

The escaped prisoners left no Short talks were made by Rev. trail so far as has been learned. The thieves who entered the erator of the association, and sheriff's office pried open a window but were careful not to

This week Miss Mattie Stimp- break the glass. The keys to the son is teaching a Bible school jail were removed from a desk and study course at Mt. Carmel, drawer where they are left dur-Miss Alma Carlton is teaching a ing the night, Sheriff Bryan said. Nothing was disturbed in the Mildred Davis is teaching a study sheriff's office and the breaking course and Bible school at Pine was apparently for the purpose Fork, and Miss Edith Hayes is of the jail delivery, Bryan stated.

They go to Ridge Crest next Lucille Ford **Circle Will Meet** 

At Mrs. J. G. Mitchell's at 8 o'clock next Tuesday night, July 15th, the Lucille Ford Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. will meet, under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Hickerson.

## Sears are booked to teach two special classes each in the Church Too Much Rain

Mount Airy .- The almost inconducted all next week in Bel- cessant rains of the past week mont, N. C. Mr. Sears will have all over this section have forced one class studying Nigeria and the rivers and streams about one on China, while Mrs. Sears will have two classes on Japan. The school runs from Mon-ering hundreds of acress of bot-

Next Sunday

At The Churches

July 13, 28th Sunday

Sparta Presbyterian church at

Sparta Baptist church at 11

o'clock, Rev. Mr. Sears, and at

Sparta Methodist church at 11

Laurel Springs Methodist

Belleview Baptist church at 11

New Haven church of the

Primitive Baptist churches at

Brethren at 11 o'clock, Rev.

o'clock, Rev. Mr. Strader.

o'clock, Rev. Mr. Blackburn.

Tommy Hooker.

11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Berry, and

I went home to my wife and kiddies. My little boy, Douglas, came running and said, "Hi Pop. C. G. Fender, Mrs. Morrison's You gonna take me to see the ribber.

And I said, "Sure, Doug, I'll take you to see the river." "And we'll stand on the bridge

and see the car cars pop."

"Sure Doug." "Pop see the sun. Look see pop. It shines in the car cars window."

Yes Doug the sun's shining on

After our walk, we came home and sat down to veal chops, baked potatoes, fresh green beans and corn on the cob. I said Grace with tears in my eyes. I'm so happy I'm an American.

Tomorrow, I'll go to work. I work in an electrotype foundry, and I love my job. I made it in fact, from errand boy to produc-

Tonight, before going to bed, I told my wife, "Honey, I'm going to buy a large flag and hang it out the window Friday. The President wants everyone to pledge allegiance to a new and united America. And honey, I'm going to do my part, because I'd rather be an American than any-thing else on earth."

The village fire brigade stood by watching the top story of s building blazing merrily. When questioned by an onlooker about their inactivity, the captain re-plied blazdle. plied blandly:

"Our hoses ain't any too pow-erful, mister. We'll 'ave a bet-ter chance when the fire gets to the second floor!"

ing some time with Mr. and Mrs. day. parents. This couple was recently married, at Bristol, Tenn. Franklin Hendrix and mother to amusements.

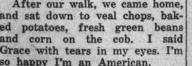
Miss Edith Fender, and Mr. Mor- where Mrs. Hendrix joined her rison was a resident of Wilkes- husband, who has a position

THE POCKETBOOK

Mrs. Morrison was the former Portsmouth, Va., last Wednesday

of KNOWLEDGE

all America.



This afternoon, we listened to a radio rebroadcast of British children, here in America, talking to their parents in England and I was proud to be an American.

tion manager in two years. I had ideas and I told the boss about them. He's an American.



Rex Wagoner accompanied

The fireworks will be used this

week as the weather was too. bad last week to fire them.

U.S. INVENTIVE GE

NCE LAST SUMMER, THE OFFIC

The Crescent Amusement Company Shows are on the midway with clean, moral shows, up-todate riding devices and legitimate

concessions. Friday afternoon, July 11, from 2:00 to 6:00 p. m., will be "Children's Day." There will be no admission charge at the main gates and all rides will operate at 5c.

there. They have an apartment register. there where they will remain for some time. Mr. Wagoner returned to his home here Sunday. Miss Doris Wagoner spent the

week-end with Misses Anna Ruth, Irene and Emogene Richardson.

Elder Carey Moxley from Kentucky, is visiting friends and rela-

tives here. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Sanders and little daughter, from North private ceremony on Wednesday, Wilkesboro, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Fred Williams, manager of the Williams Brothers Furniture Store at Wadesboro, N. C., is spending a few days with his parents nere.

Sparta, spent Sunday night with and Mrs. C. J. Morrison, of Wil-Edwin Mabe. Master James Douglas,

Master Gene Gray Wagoner, of Galax, is spending a few days with relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. Catherine Brewster and and Mrs. J. E. Irwin, near here

daughter, Rita, Mr. and Mrs. Rod- one day last week. ney Brewster and little daughter, of Covington, Va., and Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Joines have moved to the Lonnie Hen-Mrs. Johnson Wyatt spent Satur- drix home at old Stratford. day evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.

Miss June Crouse, of Washing- F. Crouse, on Tuesday, June ton, D. C., spent the week-end 24th, a son.

Vincent A. Cox George R. Long Gaither L. Evans Kemp H. Caudill Joseph T. Smith Emmitt R. Andrews Carlie L. Vernon Page D. Parsons volunteered.

named may be required as replacements: Romie L. Spurlin

Paul A. Vernon Levi J. Caudill Garnett W. Nichols Up to the present time 30 boys

from Alleghany have been in- Governor and Mrs. R. A. Doughducted into military training, 27 ton, Mrs. S. J. Thomas, Dr. and white and three colored. These Mrs. J. L. Doughton, Mrs. T. J.

crease the total to 40. There were 50 fresh registrations of Alleghany youth made Tuesday a week ago when those

21st birthday were required to

Marriages

MORRISON-FENDER

Wilkesboro, N. C., and Los Angeles, Calif., was solemnized in a Miller and son, Billy, and Miss June 25th, at Bristol, Tenn. Mrs. Morrison is the youngest

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. known in this vicinity. She received her education at Sparta and Glade Valley High schools.

Mr. Morrison is the son of Mr.

with homefolks here. Leo Irvin, of Washington, D.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Joines Born to Dr. and Mrs. Michael

day the 14th to Friday the 18th. tom lands and doing much damage to bottom-land crops. **Doughton Annual** 

### **Family Reunion** Last Saturday The rain last Saturday caused

the plans for the Annual Reunion In case some of the foregoing of the Doughton family to be out this week and enjoy the are not inducted, the following changed from a proposed picnic at Bluff Park to an indoor reunion in Laurel Springs school folks came from far and near to enjoy the occasion.

house. There was a fine crowd at Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock. and much happy visiting, for the Naturally, from Sparta came Laurel Springs at 8 o'clock.

ten who go next week will in- Carson and Emmaline and James Hawthorne. From Washington, D. C., came Congressman and Mrs. R. L. church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr.

Doughton, Mrs. Arthur Fender Ferree, and at Transou at 2:30. who had recently passed their and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fender.

From Baltimore Miss Josephine Doughton came, From Charlotte came Miss

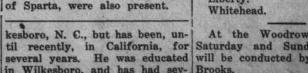
Catherine Boyer. Very naturally, from Laurel Springs there were present Mrs.

F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moxley, Mr. and Mrs. Van Miller The marriage of Miss Edith and family, Reece Miller and Primitive Fender and Richard Morrison, of Grady Miller and daughter.

From Gastonia came Dr. R. L. Mary Miller. From Statesville came Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doughton.

From North Wilkesboro Mr. Fender, of Sparta, and is well and Mrs. Claude Doughton came. From Valdese came Mr. and Mrs. Winkler and children. From Virginia came Mr. and Mrs. John Finley.

And, to add to the general spirit of good fellowship, Rev. Mr. Strader and Rev. Mr. Sears



eral years training with the Na-The young couple is with his At the lower Joines cemetery in Whitehead, come on Saturtional Guard.

parents at present, but plan to day, July 12, with your tools to make their home in California. help clean,

Elk Creek, and Saturday at 2 o'clock. Zion. Meadow Fork, and Saturday at 2 o'clock, Elder E. A. Long. Little River Regular Baptist churches at 11 o'clock: Big Springs. New Salem. Prathers Creek.

Union Baptist churches at 11 o'clock: Liberty. Whitehead.

At the Woodrow church on til recently, in California, for several years. He was educated in Wilkesboro, and has had sev-Brooks.