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WASHINGTON PARADE

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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.

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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.

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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 Czechoslovakians, 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 liver oil, nourishing food, and a doctor's watchful care. They'll be glad they're Americans.

This morning, I went to church. Amongst my neighbors, unafraid and unmolested, I thanked God for giving us America.

I went home to my wife and kiddies. My little boy, Douglas, came running and said, "Hi Pop. 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 all America.

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.

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.

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

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 anything else on earth."

The village fire brigade stood by watching the top story of a building blazing merrily. When questioned by an onlooker about their inactivity, the captain replied blandly:

"Our hoses ain't any too powerful, mister. We'll 'ave a better chance when the fire gets to the second floor!"

Our world...

U. 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."

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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.

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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 communiqué said simply: "Operations on the eastern front are proceeding on schedule."

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 century-old boundary quarrel, Ecuadorian officials claimed.

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French Spurn A Peace Offer by British

Ankara, Turkey.—Britain has proposed a "painless armistice" in Syria with generous surrender terms to the Vichy troops, it was reported, but the French commander in the Levant, General Henri Dentz, is described as determined to fight to the end.

Stratford

Stratford, July 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fender, Mrs. Morrison's parents. This couple was recently married at Bristol, Tenn. Mrs. Morrison was the former Miss Edith Fender, and Mr. Morrison was a resident of Wilkesboro, but has spent some time in Los Angeles, Calif.

C. G. Fender and his father, Elder Isom Fender, visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fender Monday.

Rex Wagoner accompanied Franklin Hendrix and mother to Portsmouth, Va., last Wednesday where Mrs. Hendrix joined her husband, who has a position there. They have an apartment 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 relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Sanders and little daughter, from North 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 here.

Master James Douglas, of Sparta, spent Sunday night with Edwin Mabe.

Master Gene Gray Wagoner, of Galax, is spending a few days with relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Catherine Brewster and daughter, Rita, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Brewster and little daughter, of Covington, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Wyatt spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders.

Miss June Crouse, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Leo Irvin, of Washington, D. C., visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Irwin, near here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Joines have moved to the Lonnie Hendrix home at old Stratford.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Michael at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crouse, on Tuesday, June 24th, a son.

The War in China . . . .

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 At Galax Held Over This Week

The Firemen's Ninth Annual Carnival and Celebration which was being held at Galax all last week is still under way. Members of the celebration committee met with Mayor Walter G. Andrews and members of the Galax town council Saturday night, July 5, and plans were worked out whereby the celebration could be continued this week until midnight Saturday, July 12.

Due to the very rainy weather it was almost impossible for the people to attend the carnival last week and it is hoped that they will have an opportunity to turn out this week and enjoy the amusements.

The fireworks will be used this week as the weather was too bad last week to fire them.

The Crescent Amusement Company Shows are on the midway with clean, moral shows, up-to-date 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.

Ten More Boys To Go Next Friday, July 18

Alleghany county is called upon to send ten more boys to Fort Bragg next Friday, July 18th, for a year of military training, and the following are those upon whom the lot has fallen to go:

Leff J. Caudill
Dent B. Pugh
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.

In case some of the foregoing are not inducted, the following 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 inducted into military training, 27 white and three colored. These ten who go next week will increase the total to 40.

There were 50 fresh registrations of Alleghany youth made Tuesday a week ago when those who had recently passed their 21st birthday were required to register.

Marriages

MORRISON—FENDER

The marriage of Miss Edith Fender and Richard Morrison, of Wilkesboro, N. C., and Los Angeles, Calif., was solemnized in a private ceremony on Wednesday, June 25th, at Bristol, Tenn.

Mrs. Morrison is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fender, of Sparta, and is well known in this vicinity. She received her education at Sparta and Glade Valley High schools.

Mr. Morrison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Morrison, of Wilkesboro, N. C., but has been, until recently, in California, for several years. He was educated in Wilkesboro, and has had several years training with the National Guard.

The young couple is with his parents at present, but plan to make their home in California.

Homecoming To Mark 50th Anniversary

The Laurel Springs Baptist church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, July 27th, with a grand Homecoming and morning, afternoon, and evening services. Dinner will be served on the church grounds.

Many of the church's former pastors will be present at this 50th anniversary celebration, and Dr. Walt N. Johnson, of Mars Hill, will be the feature speaker of the day.

To complete half a century of 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 church. Miss Carlton led the singing, and Miss Edith Hayes conducted a beautiful devotional with a chalk talk. Miss Mildred Davis presided.

Encouraging reports were made on the Bible Schools and Study Classes and census taken at New Hope, Scottville, Belview, and Chestnut Grove churches.

A beautiful duet was rendered, and Rev. Mr. Ussery, guest speaker, delivered an inspiring address.

Short talks were made by Rev. V. W. Sears, A. O. Joines, moderator of the association, and Rev. W. H. Caldwell.

This week Miss Mattie Stimpson is teaching a Bible school and study course at Mt. Carmel, Miss Alma Carlton is teaching a study course at Liberty, Miss Mildred Davis is teaching a study course and Bible school at Pine Fork, and Miss Edith Hayes is teaching a study course and Bible school at New River church.

They go to Ridge Crest next week for Sunday School week there.

Rev. V. W. Sears Will Teach Missions Course

Rev. V. W. Sears and Mrs. Sears are booked to teach two special classes each in the Church School of Missions which will be conducted all next week in Belmont, N. C. Mr. Sears will have one class studying Nigeria and one on China, while Mrs. Sears will have two classes on Japan.

The school runs from Monday the 14th to Friday the 18th.

Doughton Annual Family Reunion Last Saturday

The rain last Saturday caused the plans for the Annual Reunion of the Doughton family to be changed from a proposed picnic at Bluff Park to an indoor reunion in Laurel Springs school house. There was a fine crowd and much happy visiting, for the folks came from far and near to enjoy the occasion.

Naturally, from Sparta came Governor and Mrs. R. A. Doughton, Mrs. S. J. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Doughton, Mrs. T. J. Carson and Emmaline and James Hawthorne.

From Washington, D. C., came Congressman and Mrs. R. L. Doughton, Mrs. Arthur Fender 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 and family, Reece Miller and Grady Miller and daughter.

From Gastonia came Dr. R. L. Miller and son, Billy, and Miss Mary Miller.

From Statesville came Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doughton.

From North Wilkesboro Mr. 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, of Sparta, were also present.

Jail Keys Stolen And Three Prisoners Freed

Thieves broke into the office of Sheriff Dewitt Bryan, located on the main floor of the court house, sometime Sunday night, stole keys to the jail from his desk, and turned three prisoners out of the Alleghany county jail on the second floor of the courthouse.

Sheriff Bryan discovered the breaking and jail delivery Monday morning about 7:30 o'clock. He said the delivery occurred sometime between midnight when he left the jail and Monday morning.

The prisoners were listed as Earl Dixon, of Edmonds, jailed early Sunday night on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated; Bert Hendrix, of Hare, awaiting trial on a charge of drunkenness, and Bertha Atwood, 19, of Sparta, awaiting trial on a charge of vagrancy.

Sheriff Bryan said the trio and those who aided them in escaping, stole Dixon's car from a storage shed near Sparta and fled. He said he confiscated Dixon's car when he was arrested.

The escaped prisoners left no trail so far as has been learned.

The thieves who entered the sheriff's office pried open a window but were careful not to break the glass. The keys to the jail were removed from a desk drawer where they are left during the night, Sheriff Bryan said.

Nothing was disturbed in the sheriff's office and the breaking was apparently for the purpose of the jail delivery, Bryan stated.

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.

Too Much Rain

Mount Airy.—The almost incessant rains of the past week all over this section have forced the rivers and streams about Mount Airy and all over Surry county out of their banks, covering hundreds of acress of bottom lands and doing much damage to bottom-land crops.

Next Sunday At The Churches

July 13, 28th Sunday

Sparta Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Berry, and at Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.

Sparta Baptist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Sears, and at Laurel Springs at 8 o'clock.

Sparta Methodist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Strader.

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

Belleview Baptist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Blackburn.

New Haven church of the Brethren at 11 o'clock, Rev. Tommy Hooker.

Primitive Baptist churches at 11 o'clock:
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 Saturday and Sunday meetings will be conducted by Elder Billy Brooks.

At the lower Joines cemetery in Whitehead, come on Saturday, July 12, with your tools to help clean.