



Washington, D. C.—A famed European economist, who has experienced the dreadful consequence of inflation at first hand, tells us that he is appalled at the easy fatalism with which many Americans discuss the "inevitability" of inflation in this country. Inflation, he points out, is not a natural calamity like an earthquake or a hurricane; but it is caused rather by the actions and policies of the government. The term "inflation" has come to be used as a synonym for higher prices or even as a synonym for prosperity. But a real inflation is hardly possible except when a government's budget is so unbalanced that it has to borrow beyond its ability to repay—even over a long period of years.

Inflation can be avoided when an administration has the courage to tax away the excess purchasing power in the hands of the great bulk of the population and to force it into loans to the government. Since everything points to this course being followed by our government, there is no reason to fear inflation either at present or in the future.

Most of King George's loyal subjects would be thunderstruck if the King appeared among them puffing at a cigarette. Only in private does King George VI smoke, getting through about 20 a day in normal times. His first cigarette is after breakfast. While going through his letters he has one or two, and always lights up at eleven o'clock when he stops work for ten minutes to have a cup of tea.

Only privileged callers at the palace have seen the King enjoying a cigarette during an audience. A rigid court rule is that no one may smoke in his presence until offered a cigarette. When Premier Churchill goes to have lunch with his Majesty, he puffs his cigar in an anteroom, and has it replaced by the King after their meal.

Nazi propagandists are busy trying to minimize the importance of the meeting between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill. The chief grist for their mill is the narrow margin—one vote—by which the House passed the resolution for an extension of military training. They argue that this performance proves that the people of the United States are not united.

In arriving at this conclusion, the Nazi propagandists ignore the extent to which politics played a part in the close vote. What they can't ignore, however, is the fact that we have already reached a point in the process of rearmament where our production of every weapon of modern warfare is being forcefully felt on all fighting fronts—including Russia!

The man in the street, true to the American tradition of speaking one's own mind, is asking, if Churchill sold Roosevelt a bill of goods. There is no sign that Churchill did, since the President prides himself on being able to outbargain anyone and on his ability to keep a "selfish" point of view when the interests of the United States are at stake.

The real decisions reached by both statesmen will undoubtedly show up in action. Those decisions concerning peace were only secondary to the present business of a successful prosecution of the war. What it probably means is that this country will assume more of the war burden without necessarily becoming involved in actual shooting.

### Piney Creek

Piney Creek, Aug. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Delp and family, of Piney Creek, had as visitors last week Mrs. Delp's father, L. N. York, of Independence, also her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. York, of Huntington, W. Va.

### HOUSEHOLD HINT



A LITTLE MARBLE SHIP OR A TEASPOONFUL OF VANILLA ADDED TO WHIPPED CREAM IN PLACE OF THE USUAL QUANTITY OF SUGAR WILL GIVE IT A DELICIOUS FLAVOR.

ANNOUNCED—VIRGINIA DARE, FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN OF ENGLISH DESCENT, BORN AT ROANOKE ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA—1887  
ANNOUNCED—MISS OF DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN CALIFORNIA REACHED NEW YORK—1848  
ANNOUNCED—FIRST PERSONS ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT HANGED IN SALEM, MASS.—1692

## Our world...

### Intense Fighting from Baltic to Black Sea

Moscow.—Massive battles of men and machines rage on unchecked from the Baltic to the Black Sea and in tremendous air battles before Leningrad the Russians reported 156 Nazi planes destroyed in the sky and one airdrome in two days. Below, the almost continuous fighting for mastery of the air above the Soviet Union's second city, Russian military dispatches said, German panzers, motorcyclists and infantry charging toward the Baltic port were being mowed down in windrows by Soviet machine-gunners in forest-canopied redoubts.

### British and Russians are Busy in Persia

London.—Negotiations were under way in Tehran last night seeking to call off the two-day-old British and Russian invasion of Iran where British imperial forces, aided by air-borne troops, have seized two key oil centers and the important port of Bandar Shahpur. A British communique announced the capture of the oil centers of Naft-I-Shah near the Iraqi border and Abadan, the latter the world's fourth biggest oil installation and told of the seizure of seven German and Italian ships in Bandar Shahpur on the Gulf of Persia. In the north powerful Russian forces sweeping down across the towering Armenian Mountains were reported nearing Tabriz, second city of Iran and vital railroad point 80 miles inside the Iranian border.

### Germans Abolish Lodges in Belgium

Berlin.—The German military commander in Belgium decreed yesterday immediate dissolution of all Free Mason lodges and institutions as well as similar organizations and other affiliates. Property of such organizations was confiscated in favor of Belgium, the commentary Dienst aus Deutschland said. It added the purpose of the decree was to "guarantee the maintenance of order" in Belgium.

### Sabotage Becoming Very Serious in France

Vichy, Unoccupied France.—German and French authorities, seeking to stem a tide of disorders in occupied France, decreed new death penalties yesterday for failure to halt railway sabotage. French civilian watchmen conscripted to mount guard over railways around Paris will pay with their lives for any sabotage in their sectors under the new ruling.

### France Very Disunited Under Petain

Vichy, France.—A rump parliament, headed by former Premier Edouard Herriot and composed of more than 100 members, has established a permanent organization opposing the regime of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, it was disclosed yesterday. The group, many of whom are senators and deputies in Vichy as "refugees," already has met in rump session here and decided to maintain opposition to Petain's efforts to eliminate them completely from national life before their mandates expire next May.

### Japan Very Disturbed by Delicate Situation

London.—Japan has asked Russia to give "serious attention" to shipments of United States war materials en route to Vladivostok because it creates a "delicate and embarrassing situation" for Japan. The Japanese ambassador to Russia told Foreign Commissar Molotov on Monday that the shipments by the United States of materials bought by Russia, such as oil and benzine, create a delicate situation for Japan because they "must pass near Japanese territory."

### United States Strikes at Japan Anew

Washington.—The United States struck at Japan from a new direction yesterday when President Roosevelt announced that a military mission will be sent to embattled China within the next two weeks. Mr. Roosevelt said that the mission, headed by Brigadier General John Magruder, will study the military situation in China's four-year struggle with Japan and co-ordinate extension of lend-lease aid to China.

### Two New Ships a Day, the New Program

Washington.—Another expansion in the country's shipbuilding program with a view to turning out two ships a day in 1942 and 1943 was announced yesterday by the maritime commission. Within a few hours after President Roosevelt had signed a bill providing \$1,698,650,000 in cash and contract authorizations for ships and shipbuilding facilities, the commission reported that it had negotiated for the construction of 23 additional ways and 66 freighters of the "C" design.

### Maybe Lindbergh Will Speak in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City.—Charles A. Lindbergh will speak in Oklahoma Friday "even if he has to use a cow pasture," a spokesman for the America First Committee said yesterday after the city council cancelled a permit for use of the municipal auditorium. "If we can't get a place here we'll go somewhere else. But he definitely will speak, and it will be in Oklahoma," added Herbert K. Hyde.

### GEMS FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

#### SELF-RESPECT

No more important city can be urged upon those who are entering the great theatre of life than simple loyalty to their best convictions.—Chapin.

To have a respect for ourselves guides our morals; and to have a deference for others governs our manners.—Sterne.

What has an individual gained by losing his own self-respect? or what has he lost when, retaining his own, he loses the homage of fools, or the pretentious praise of hypocrites, false to themselves as to others?—Mary Baker Eddy.

It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself.—Thomas Paine.

Self-respect is the noblest garment with which a man may clothe himself, the most elevating

### Henderson Promises Action to Stabilize Prices of Gasoline

The Senate commerce committee Tuesday ordered a sweeping investigation of the east coast petroleum shortage as President Roosevelt predicted the situation would ease materially by next spring—barring a strong Nazi offensive in the North Atlantic.

Price Control Administrator Leon Henderson promised that action will be taken within 48 hours to stabilize retail gasoline prices.

feeling with which the mind can be inspired.—Samuel Smiles.

He that respects himself is safe from others; He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce.—Longfellow.

If you haven't time to go—stay at home!

## ALLEGHANY

# STAR TIMES

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

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## Elza Cox Said To Have Been Seen In Wythe County

A posse comprising Wytheville police and county and state officers, using bloodhounds, has combed the Speedwell and Cripple Creek sections, out from Wytheville, in response to a report that Elza Cox, wanted in the slaying on Saturday night, August 16, in the Fries Theatre, of Miss Pauline Payne, had been seen by two youths fishing.

A heavy rain Sunday night caused a halt in the search, though all officers in Wythe and Grayson counties remained on the alert for the 25-year-old man.

The two boys are said to have appeared positive in their identification of Cox. They called Wytheville after seeing the man they believed to be the fugitive, in a wooded area along the creek.

This was the second report that Cox had been seen in the Wythe county area. Saturday, officers searched the Cripple Creek section after Marshall Kirby had reported having seen a man answering Cox's description enter the woods near his home late Friday afternoon. Kirby also said that he had missed milk from his springhouse on three successive mornings.

Announcement was made several days ago that a reward in the sum of \$250 had been offered by the Town of Fries and the Grayson County Board of Supervisors for the apprehension of Cox, or information leading to his arrest.

## Livestock Market Has Another Big Run August 18

With perhaps the largest run of cattle for the season thus far, the New Galax Livestock Market, at its weekly auction event in Felts park Monday, August 18, made sales amounting to approximately \$25,000. More than 2,000 head of stock was handled during the auction.

There was a large run of small heifers and these, as well as most other classes of stock, sold well. There was also a big lot of sheep handled during the day. These sold for as high as \$10.50 per hundredweight.

Producers are urged to have their stock at the yards in Felts park as early on sale days as possible, in order that the work may be carried along more smoothly, and with less delay, on the part of both buyer and seller.

Patience Personified  
There was once a brainy baboon  
Who always breathed down a  
bassoon,  
For he said, "It appears  
That in billions of years  
I am certain to hit on a tune."

Keep your temper when driving—no one else wants it!

## Keeping Score On The War



Three expert European score-keepers are Major George Fielding Eliot, Elmer Davis and William Shirer (left to right), CBS war news analysts. Shirer took over for Davis on August 21 while the latter vacations for two weeks from Columbia's daily news broadcast, "Elmer Davis and The News."

## W. M. U. Circle Met At Mrs. Halsey's

Circle No. 1 of the W. M. U. met at the home of Mrs. R. C. Halsey on Thursday. The hostess conducted the devotionals and Mrs. C. A. Reeves had charge of the program, "An Urgent Gospel Demands Trained Workers." Mrs. Ralph Parker discussed "The Need of Trained Heralds"; Mrs. V. W. Sears told about the Southern Training School at El Paso, Texas, the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky., and the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, La. Another member told of Training Schools in foreign lands. The Standard of Excellence for W. M. U. was emphasized by Mrs. A. O. Joines.

Mrs. Sears, the president, appointed a committee on Church Library for associational use.

Mrs. Adams, of Atlanta, Ga., was a visitor. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Foster Hackler with Mrs. Jones Waddell as associate hostess.

## Auto Thief Angered The Owner

Over in Jacksonville, N. C., last week Guy Lockamy's automobile was stolen 10 minutes after he had parked it. But what made Guy jumping mad was that the fellow who swiped the car drove right past him—and he didn't recognize his own car.

## Oxford Singing Group Tomorrow At Piney Creek

Don't miss it! Tomorrow, Friday night, at the Piney Creek school auditorium, the Oxford Orphanage Singing Group will give a program that will delight every listener. Those who have heard them will want to hear again, and those who have not heard will want to hear this time. Tickets may be had from any committee member.

## Prof. Blum Addressed Woman's Club

Last Thursday afternoon the Woman's Club met in the Assembly room of the county office building and listened to an inspiring address by Prof. J. K. Blum, of Columbia, S. C., on the subject of, "Our Share in Keeping America Great." His plea to the women was to lend their every aid and influence toward keeping our children and our families healthy and properly trained, and then morally straight. He emphasized that the health of our young people is largely in the mothers' hands. And mothers need to be encouraged and taught how to do a better job of keeping their families in health. Dr. Blum touched also on public health problems and urged vigilance.

Mrs. H. W. Spough, of Winston-Salem, was present as a visitor.

## He Thinks A Campus Is For Camping

Durham, N. C. reports that a year ago officers found a man camping on the Duke University campus. He was chased away. The other day Deputy Sheriff J. M. Mangum found the same fellow—tent, shotgun, bear trap and all—in Duke Forest, a project of the university forestry school adjacent to the campus.

## Virginia-Carolina Picnic in West is Outstanding Success

One hundred and fifty-six persons attended the annual Virginia-North Carolina picnic occasion at the J. H. Carico ranch, near Bonita, Oregon, on Sunday, August 11. The event is an annual event, held each year on the second Sunday in August, for Virginians and North Carolinians who go to Idaho and Oregon to take up their abode.

Mrs. J. H. Carico, of Bonita, is the former Miss Mary M. Brewer, of Baywood.

On this very enjoyable picnic occasion, music was furnished by the "Wild Rose" orchestra, of Ironside; "The Reeds," of Bonita; the "Lydias," of Nampa, and many others.

Mr. Klemme, of the Oregon State Land board, gave a very interesting talk on some of his experiences while traveling through Russia and neighboring countries.

An abundance of good "eats" was partaken of, and it seemed that each person present thoroughly enjoyed the annual event.

## Drunk Insists On Visit To Kinsman

It all happened in Orangeburg, S. C., only last week, that a man under the influence of whiskey called at the county jail and demanded the right to see a kinsman being held prisoner. He was accommodated—for an extended period.

## Britain Loses 29th Submarine

The admiralty in London has announced the loss of the submarine Union—the 29th since the war began.

When in doubt—don't pass!

## Former Charlotte Postmaster Indicted

Lieutenant Colonel Paul R. Younts, former Charlotte postmaster, and three other former employees of the post office at Charlotte were indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury in Asheville for violating the corrupt practices act.

Others named in the indictment were Thomas J. Talbert, Jr., and W. C. Alred, former postal clerks, and Sidney Croft, former assistant building custodian.

The government accused the men of violating a section of the code pertaining to solicitation of employees for political purposes.

Younts now is on duty with the army at Fort Jackson, S. C. A successor as postmaster was named some time ago, and the other three men were suspended from service pending outcome of the charges.

The grand jury returned the indictments along with another in an unrelated case shortly before noon after nearly two days of testimony. District Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, then dismissed the jurors.

Most of Monday was spent in hearing witnesses in the post office case. Among those who testified were Detective Chief Frank N. Littejohn, of Charlotte, Postal Inspectors E. K. Mansfield and R. B. Beatson, and several employees of the Charlotte post office.

## Sparta Postmaster To Be Selected In C. S. Examination

Announcement is made that a Civil Service examination will be held soon for the purpose of finding a suitable person to fill the vacancy in the Sparta Postmastership caused by the resignation of G. Glenn Nichols.

Sam Brown is serving as Acting Postmaster until a permanent one can be chosen.

Application blanks for those who wish to take the examination may be secured from the Sparta post office. Applicants must have resided in the Sparta area at least one year just prior to the examination, to be eligible. All applications must be on file in the office of the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C., by Friday, September 12th.

## Royal-Miles Reunion

The annual reunion of the Royal and Miles families will be held on Sunday, September 7th, beginning at 10 o'clock, at Mt. Carmel church, one mile south of Cherry Lane.

F. T. Llewellyn, of Dobson, is expected and will be the principal speaker.

Several singing choirs are expected.

Dinner will be held on the grounds and everybody has a cordial invitation to come and bring a well-filled basket of food.

—J. A. J. Royal, Secretary

## Another Good Bear Story From Alaska

From Anchorage in Alaska comes the story of Mrs. J. S. Wood, who was cooking dinner in her Lake Spenard home when she saw a black bear wandering aimlessly. Taking up her rifle, she trailed the bear for a quarter mile and then shot it. She went back to the kitchen to find that her husband—who already had shot his season's bear—had kept the dinner from burning, and he dished it up in her honor. The bear weighed 300 pounds.

A chance taker is an accident maker.

## Next Sunday At The Churches

August 31, 35th Sunday

This being the fifth Sunday in the month there are no service regularly listed for any of the churches.

Devotion and preaching at the cemetery Sunday, beginning at 10 o'clock.