

TWO WIN POSITIONS ON WELCHES BOARD

Jessie Alt of Cherryville and W. E. Koch of Brightwood were elected to fill vacancies on the Welches grade school board this week. Mrs. Walter Sinclair succeeds Mrs. Walter Creighton as school clerk.

The new budget of \$11,774 is almost \$2000 under last years budget and it provides for salary raises to all teachers and the principal. Mrs. Lorene Smith and Mrs. Doris Guthrie have already signed new contracts.

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BORING ELECTION HELD

At the annual meeting of the local school district Monday night the budget was adopted and two new directors were elected. Wallace Aschof was elected for one year in place of John Karle, resigned and Ray Naas for a term of three years to succeed Arnold Moore whose term expired. Nora Richey was reelected clerk. Melville Richey is chairman of the board.

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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

It is clear that Mr. Churchill's recent remarks to the Commons have been designed to buck up a British public which is gravely disturbed by Germany's astounding and almost uninterrupted series of military successes. Furthermore aggressive opposition to the Churchill leadership has appeared within the Commons. It is led by Hore-Belisha who was dismissed as war minister more than a year ago for alleged inefficiency. And while the opposition is small in numbers it has some strong talking points and if allowed to go unanswered might create a serious internal problem at a time when the highest attainable degree of British unity is vital.

Prime argument used against the Churchill policy is that he takes too many chances, or, to use a racing term he bets on too many long shots. The disastrous Crete affair is the latest example of this. In reply Mr. Churchill said that he cannot and will not fight a cautious, defensive war. He said that the enemy must be harried at all times even though the cost to the British army is heavy. And finally he said that the Crete adventure has justified itself by distracting German attention and German military energies from other areas.

This is a good time to sum up Britain's position after a year and a half of war inasmuch as our government obviously considers the survival of England necessary to the safety and defense of this hemisphere. To begin with it is clear that the Germans have been immensely superior on land, England is nowhere the Nazi's equal in equipment and it looks as if the British high command lacks those qualities of thoroughness, imagination and cold daring which characterize Hitler's general staff. Every battle fought on land has ended in victory for Germany and routs for the British. Even the British successes against Mussolini's spiritless troops in Africa were afterwards completely offset when the German legions moved in.

On the other hand British sea control despite heavy losses remains unquestioned. The Italian navy with many of its vessels sunk is largely bottled up in port and seems to have little taste for battle. The German navy has often shown courage but, at least so far as surface vessels are concerned it is considerably smaller now by comparison with the British fleet than when the war began. And English reports say German submarine losses have lately been very great.

Equally important Britain seems to have achieved a minor miracle in arming and fortifying her island after the terrible disaster in Flanders which ended with extraordinary evacuation at Dunkirk. The bulk of British equipment was left on the French beaches. American reporters tell of British regiments marching thru the streets of London without even rifles. Today Britain is literally an armed camp with the finest of defensive equipment, including according to some new devices which will give the Germans an unpleasant surprise if they try invasion.

Most important of all perhaps, Britain has apparently gained control of the air at home. Reliable reports say the RAF has done wonders in destroying attacking planes of the Luftwaffe. She is receiving considerable numbers of long range multi-engine bombers from this country which are enabling her to increase her raids over German and German-dominated areas.

Worst phase from the British view point remains the shipping problem. It was recently necessary to impose new and very severe food restrictions in England, today British diet is definitely inferior to German's. War materials get first place in the ships and only a subsistence minimum of other materials are brot in. It remains to be seen what affect this may have on British morale.

Mr. Churchill also said recently that if England is no worse off in six months than she is now she will have reason for self-congratulation. In other words he apparently feels that the time of great crisis is at hand. The period of fine weather is here and the unpredictable Hitler may have some world-shaking plans in mind for the summer months.

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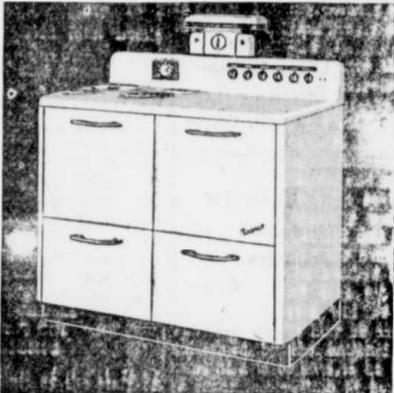
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