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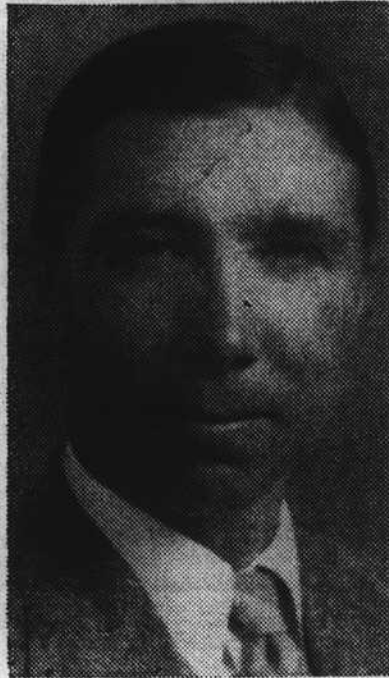
SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 1941

## Large Crowds Expected To Attend Alleghany Fair

**People YOU KNOW In Alleghany**  
By Staff Writer



CLENNEL RICHARDSON

Amiable builder of houses, and occasionally store buildings and other edifices, Clennel Richardson, of Sparta, is one of Sparta's most popular men.

Mr. Richardson, who is the son of the late William Richardson, began his life on a farm three miles west of Sparta. He first attended a small country school known as Bledsoe, and later entered school in Sparta. He did not get the chance to finish high school, however.

After working on the farm for a few years, he packed his belongings and set out for Seattle, Wash., where lived a brother, John Richardson. That was in 1919, and it wasn't but a few weeks until he got a job as a logging engineer.

A year later he came back to Sparta, secured employment in a local shop, and began doing cabinet work. Several years later he went to West Virginia and secured a job doing the same kind of work.

About a year later he returned to Sparta and went to work for a building contractor. Since that time he has worked with many different contractors, and has even acted as contractor himself.

Mr. Richardson's last job in town was the red brick building housing the Western Auto and Associate store. He is half owner of this building, along with Charles R. Roe, who owns the business.

First person in or around Sparta to build a rock home, Mr. Richardson's present residence, on Highway 21 a mile east of town, is certainly among the most beautiful homes in this county.

Marriage was to the former Zenna Gambill, daughter of R. L. Gambill, of Elk Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have one daughter, Doris, who is a senior in the local high school.

A great sportsman, Mr. Richardson likes to hunt and fish, and does so every time he gets the chance. He and his wife and daughter make frequent trips in a modernistic trailer, which the former built in his own workshop a year or so ago.

Mr. Richardson owns a small farm, raises a few cattle, but is usually too busy with his building contracts to put in much time farming. Mrs. Richardson is county supervisor for the NYA. Both are well liked.

### 562 PERSONS IN COUNTY GOT FOOD SUPPLIES IN AUG.

A. E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said this week that Alleghany county received 6,106 pounds of surplus food supplies during the month of August worth a fair market value of \$388.95.

General recipients served with commodities numbered 562 persons in 117 cases, while 673 persons comprising 146 relief cases were certified during the month as eligible to receive the commodities.

Total state distributions during August amounted to 2,960,264 pounds valued at \$141,995 and reached 180,347 needy individuals.

## U. S. Navy Launches A Big Campaign For Recruits In County

### Attendance In County Schools Growing Better

Polio Cases Are Now Non-Existent; Basketball Practice Begins.

#### PLAY BASEBALL

While the public schools of the county have been in progress only two weeks, the fear of a general polio epidemic has been subdued and enrollments are rising rapidly in each institution. Superintendent W. C. Thompson reported yesterday.

Basketball practice has already begun at the Sparta and Piney Creek high schools, and indications are that both schools will have winning teams this season. Coach Byron Stuart's teams are planning to play their first games in about three weeks.

Baseball is now in the spotlight at Sparta, Piney Creek and Glade Valley. In a game with Glade Valley on Tuesday, Sparta's boys defeated Glade Valley by a score of 8 to 5.

C. T. Edwards, catcher for the locals, succeeded in chalking up four runs. Harry Winger, Glade Valley fielder, got a home run. Olin Carpenter pitched for Sparta, and Johnny Norman for Glade Valley.

Mrs. Add McMillan, Miss Marjorie and Mr. Wade McMillan visited in Galax Wednesday.

## Fall Term Of Court Is Set To Begin Monday Morning

### Navy Committee Appointed Here

Group Is Asked to Organize Solicitation Effort In Alleghany.

In line with Secretary of Navy Knox's suggestion, an Alleghany citizens' committee has been appointed to assist in the drive for United States navy recruits.

With Sheriff DeWitt Bryan as its chairman, the committee is composed of R. F. Crouse, Lonnie Souther, M. L. Richardson, Vance Choate, T. R. Burgiss, Glenn Richardson and Silas Nichols.

Committeemen are being asked to organize the solicitation effort in their communities immediately. Any further information desired about the campaign may be secured from the office of The News.

Sheriff Bryan, who served on a submarine destroyer in World War I, said yesterday that if he were again considering a military service the navy still would appeal to him most.

"Not only is the navy, in my opinion, the safest branch of service during wartime," the sheriff asserted, "but the work, I believe, is easier. You have plenty of opportunity for advancement in position and pay."

## Reds Launch Counterdrives; U. S. Cargo Ship Sunk By Axis

War continued on land and sea this week with the Axis sinking the S. S. Pink Star, in spite of the warning of the U. S. This vessel, a former Danish merchantman is the first U. S. Government cargo ship to be sunk since the warning.

Authorized Nazis said they had no information to indicate specifically that Nazi craft had sunk the Pink Star, but that whatever had happened to her was doubtless "in accordance with the laws of war."

Red counteroffensives in every major sector of the front appeared yesterday to have brought a

### All Young Men Are Urged to Enlist. Advantages Are Described.

#### NEED TODAY GREAT

To build up its manpower for the "two-ocean Navy" that is rapidly nearing completion, the United States Navy is launching this week in Alleghany, and all other counties in the state, and several other states in the nation an extensive campaign for volunteers to enlist in the Navy or Naval Reserve.

At the suggestion of Secretary of Navy Knox, Ray Lowery has been made Navy Editor of this paper, to help the Navy in giving ambitious local young men information about the opportunities the "two-ocean Navy" offers for technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency.

Men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance, by enlistment in the Navy, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which, by their aptitude and as a result of examination they show themselves fitted, from among nearly 50 different trades and vocations. These include aviation machinist, dental technician, photographer, diesel engineer, radio technician, electrician, welder, storekeeper and baker.

Men enlisting now enter training for the duration of the national emergency. These men will be sent to one of the four Naval training stations and may have a chance to go to a Navy trade (Continued on Page Four)

### Judge Wilson Warlick, Newton, to Preside; Expect Light Docket.

With the fall term of the semi-annual Alleghany county superior court scheduled to convene here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock (EST), indications are that no more than two days will be required to dispose of the small number of civil and criminal cases on the docket.

Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, will preside and Erle McMichael, of Winston-Salem, will serve as solicitor.

Drunk driving cases outnumber all other cases on the criminal docket, with 10 slated to be tried by Judge Warlick. Six persons are charged with violating the prohibition law, and four cases of reckless driving will be heard.

Other cases on the criminal calendar are as follows: larceny, non-support, assault, breaking and entering, and carrying concealed weapons, three each; resisting arrest, two; hit and run driving, manslaughter, and driving while license is revoked, one each.

Only 11 civil actions are scheduled to be tried.

Court attaches said yesterday that the fall calendars should be completed by late Tuesday afternoon.

measurable improvement in the Russian position, grave though it remained in the long view. The Germans acknowledged that the Soviet armies had momentarily taken the initiative in the lower Ukraine between fallen Poltava and the important Donets basin city of Kharkov.

In the areas east of Kiev the present advanced German positions where Berlin says four Soviet armies are fatally trapped, the Nazi High Command claimed the most spectacular victory of the war, the annihilation to date of 50 Red divisions (Continued on Page Four)

## 'Pop' Patten Joins Seven Sons In Navy



Saluted by admirals and bluejackets alike, Clarence F. "Pop" Patten, 52-year-old former farmer and sawmill operator, joins his seven sons on the battleship Nevada. The navy overlooked Pop's age of 52 to enable him to join his sons. Top row, left to right: Clarence Jr., Myrne, Allen, Gilbert and Ray. Bottom row: Bruce, "Pop" and Marvin Patten.

## Bookmobile Service To Begin Here Oct. 6 On A Trial Basis

### COLUMNIST PUNCHED?



Jimmy Fidler, Hollywood columnist, is pictured as he appeared before the senate subcommittee conducting movie propaganda hearings. He testified war propaganda movies breed hate. Then early Sunday morning in a Hollywood night club, Errol Flynn, stalwart movie hero, is alleged to have engaged the columnist in a one-punch battle, charging that "you told the senate one lie too many."

### Last Rites Held For Mrs. Moxley

Aged Resident of Topia Died at Home of Son Late Last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held last Friday at the Mt. Zion church for Mrs. Sarah Moxley, of Topia, who died late last Wednesday at the home of a son, O. E. Moxley, of Topia.

Rev. Herbert Caldwell conducted the funeral rites. Burial was in the church cemetery. An unusually large crowd attended the funeral.

Mrs. Moxley, who had been seriously ill for only a short while, was well known throughout Alleghany county and this entire section of the mountains. She was one of the oldest persons in the county.

Surviving are her husband, John Moxley, of Topia; two sons, O. E. Moxley, of Topia, and W. H. Moxley, of Congo; four daughters, Mrs. Della Ward, of Crumpler, Mrs. Delie Pugh and Mrs. Myrtle Toliver and Mrs. Sam Landreth, of Topia; two sisters, Mrs. Metilda Smith, of Scottville, and Mrs. Martha Boone, of Troutdale, Va.

### SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Elder C. R. Dancy, of Piney Creek, announced this week that he will conduct services at the Piney Creek Primitive Baptist church at 11 a. m. on Saturday, October 11, and at 2 p. m. on Sunday, October 12. The public is invited.

## County To Send 11 Men To Fort Bragg Thursday

List of Selectees Expected to Fill Call Are Released By Board.

#### ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Eleven men were named by the draft board this week to report here next Thursday, whereupon they shall be sent to Fort Bragg for induction into the United States army under the operation of the selective service military program in Alleghany county.

Selectees expected to fill the current quota are as follows: Claude William Andrews, Porter Clayton Wagoner, Benjamin Franklin Rector and William Blair Howell, of Sparta; Robert Lee Johnson and Delbert Edgar Walker, of Stratford; Frank Claude Atwood, of Furches; Clyde Paul Kennedy, of Joynes; Emmett Estel Bedsaul, of Ennice; and Albert Smith Hamm, of Whitehead.

Draft officials do not have the present address of James Hastings Lineberry, who, when he registered, gave his address as Cherry Lane. Anyone knowing his whereabouts is urged to contact the draft board.

Yesterday it was again stressed that registrants must notify their draft board of any change of address or become liable to severe penalties provided by the selective service act.

The draft act provides that any registrant who violates the law shall be liable to fine and imprisonment. General Van B. Metts, state director of selective service, pointed out this week. This punishment, he also called to attention, is specified as "by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

## Baptists Plan To Have Asso. B. & W. Case Is Settled In Ky.

Little River Regular Baptists to Convene at South Fork On October 3.

Plans are now underway to hold the forty-sixth annual session of the Little River Regular Baptist association at South Fork church, one mile west of the Piney Creek post office, next week end, October 3-5.

Elder L. T. Brooks, of Glade Valley, is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon next Friday morning. His alternate will be Elder Wiley Combs, of Whitehead.

With 15 churches in the association, a record crowd is expected to attend the current session. Churches are as follows: Big Springs, Double Springs, Landmark, Laurel Glenn, Mt. Carmel, Mountain View, Mt. Ararat, Mt. Olive, New Salem, New Bethel, Frathers Creek, Pleasant Home, Roaring Gap, Saddle Mountain and South Fork.

Total membership of the churches in the association is 1,321. Elder M. T. Brooks, of Glade Valley, is moderator; W. J. Wyatt, of Piney Creek, is secretary-treasurer.

To fortify the health of the British people, the U. S. Department of Agriculture is purchasing large supplies of vitamin concentrates at the present time.

## "Library on Wheels" to Come Here From Wilkes For Week's Service.

#### NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

The WPA bookmobile of Wilkes county, equipped with over 2,500 state-owned books, will begin a trial demonstration of rural library service to the people of Alleghany county on Monday, October 6, it was announced yesterday.

In order to secure the permanent services of the bookmobile one week out of each month, it is understood that Alleghany county is expected to raise the sum of \$300. At the present time, no money has been raised for this purpose. But the bookmobile will begin its library service here October 6 on a two-month trial basis.

New books are to be sent here by the state office periodically and added to the shelves of the public library, from which the bookmobile will operate. The "library on wheels" will make a complete circuit of this county. (Continued on Page Four)

## Library Receives 1,200 New Books

Last Friday the Sparta public library received 1,200 new books for its shelves, bringing the total number of books now available to the public to approximately 2,300.

Furnished by the WPA library service, the new books are for all ages and include some of the newest fiction as well as many classics and old favorites, according to Mrs. Carrie Hamm Jones, who is librarian.

"The public is cordially invited to come to the library and look over this grand collection of new books," Mrs. Jones said.

The library, open every day except Wednesday, is housed in the community building.

## Group Of Local Men Tour Western Part Of Country

Back home from an extended tour of the northwestern part of the United States, five Alleghany citizens are this week entertaining their friends with exciting accounts of the places they went, the people they met, and the things they did.

Cleve Reeves, in whose 1941 Dodge the trip was made, was accompanied by Alex Reeves, Paul Carpenter, L. L. Cox and Dr. P. L. Choate.

Going-out there via the central route, the men succeeded in making Buffalo, Wyo., their chief objective, in five days. Altogether, they traveled 6,000 miles and experienced no car trouble whatsoever except a flat tire on the way there. They were gone four weeks.

Alex Reeves, who is clerk of court, spent some time in Wyoming with a sister, Mrs. Mazy Wagoner, whom he had not seen in 50 years. Mr. Reeves also stopped over in Oklahoma and visited another sister, Mrs. Justin Hepler, whom he had not seen in many years.

Mr. Cox, while in the west, went on to Seattle, Wash., where he paid friendly visits with numerous acquaintances and relatives. On their way back to North Carolina, the men stopped by Jefferson.

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## Exhibits Will Be Entered On Friday Morning

Varied and Interesting 2-Day Program Is Planned. Many Exhibits.

#### DANCE SAT. NIGHT

Featuring a varied program of exhibits, dinners, contests, dances, musical jamborees, and possibly a baseball game, Alleghany's big agricultural fair of 1941 will open here Friday morning and continue through Saturday night.

Exhibits will be displayed at the Sparta schools' gymnasium and on the property adjacent to the buildings. R. E. Black, president of the fair, has been busy this week securing last-minute exhibitors and making other necessary preparations for the fair.

Special entertainment features have been worked out by a committee composed of Byron Stuart, Joe Bill Reed and Hugh Choate.

Planned along much the same lines as the fair last fall, the current exposition promises to be the largest and most successful ever held. Enthusiasm has spread all over the county and an exceptionally large crowd is expected to attend.

With valuable prizes being offered on 192 different premiums in 17 departments, in addition to several sweepstakes prizes, the fair is expected to attract a record number of exhibits.

Lunch will be served, cafeteria style, from a counter in the exhibit hall Friday and Saturday by several members of the Woman's club. Supervising the counter will be Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. R. E. Black, Miss Ruby Woodruff, Mrs. Vance Choate, Mrs. George Reeves and Mrs. Ellen Parks.

A bingo stand is also expected to be operated Saturday by the Women's club. Cold drinks and candy are to be sold both days in (Continued on Page 4)

## Sidney Gambill and Chas. W. Waring Were Attorneys For Government.

(Special to The News)

By agreement reached by attorneys this week, the Brown and Williamson Tobacco corporation, 1600 W. Hill, Louisville, Ky., is to receive \$750,000 from the Federal government in settlement of the firm's \$5,280,000 claim for refunds on processing taxes, Sidney Gambill, of Washington, D. C., announced.

In addition to the lump sum the tobacco concern is to receive 6 percent interest from the dates of payments made in 1933 through 1935 before the law was outlawed by the supreme court in January, 1936.

Announcement of the agreement by Attorneys H. M. Robertson and Louis Seelbach, Jr., for the firm, and Sidney Gambill and Charles W. Waring, for the government, was made when Judge Temple Seay, Washington, member of the U. S. Processing Board of Review, was about to open a hearing and five court reporters from Washington and Chicago were on hand to record the proceedings.

## JOE GISH



SOMETIMES I THINK 'OL COB SICKLE IS RIGHT WHEN HE SAYS, "THE HARDEST PERSON I GOT ACQUAINTED WITH IS YOURSELF" . . .