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People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer



M. E. REEVES

By means of his own likeable personality and love for people in general, M. E. Reeves is likely to be remembered not only for his public service in Alleghany and Ashe counties, but also for his relationship with the people whom he has known, whose lives he has touched with his keen understanding of human nature.

A member of one of the pioneer families in Northwestern North Carolina and Southwestern Virginia, Mr. Reeves was born at Laurel Springs in 1875. For the most part, his entire education was obtained at the Laurel Springs school.

After only a few years in school, and at the age of 18, he began teaching. His first school was at Peak Creek, where he remained only one year, going the following year to Belmont and remaining there for two years.

Taught \$3,000,000 church for two years by donations; Niagara Falls, Portage bridge, which is the largest wooden dam in the world, built in 1855, measuring more than 300 feet high. It was later burned ever since.

During the meantime, while still living on the Ashe county side of Laurel Springs, Mr. Reeves was appointed a member of the board of county commissioners. In 1929, he was elected commissioner and served for six years.

After living in Ashe county for eight or nine years, he moved over into Alleghany—still at Laurel Springs, however, and still getting his mail at the same post office. A number of years ago he was appointed to serve on the board of education for this county. Shortly afterward he was elected to the board and served eight years.

Marriage was in 1904 to the former Miss Jenny Thompson, daughter of the late W. F. Thompson, a former sheriff of Alleghany (Continued on Page Four)

NYA Project For Boys Is Pending

Mrs. Clare Simpson to be Here Each Tuesday to Interview Youths.

With a new NYA construction project for boys now awaiting approval, Mrs. Clare Simpson, NYA area youth personnel interviewer, of Boone, plans to be here each Tuesday, beginning next week, to interview applicants for the proposed project.

Mrs. Simpson will interview eligible boys at the NYA homemaker center here, located upstairs over the Farmers Hardware and Implement company, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

The new project, if approved, will employ approximately 30 boys on the construction of a colored school building in the county, according to Superintendent W. C. Thompson.

Besides the construction project work, there are many openings for both boys and girls in the various NYA centers in the state. These centers youths are taught trades, and their work is all in cooperation with the national defense program. Mrs. Simpson will also interview boys and girls for possible enrollment in these centers.

Court Adjourned On Tuesday After 2 Days In Session

Murphy and Vernon Are Each Given 3-Year Terms In Prison.

WARLICK PRESIDED

Finishing up a couple of comparatively light civil and criminal dockets in record time, the fall term of the semi-annual Alleghany county superior court adjourned late Tuesday afternoon.

Something more than 35 criminal cases were heard by Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, and 11 civil actions were tried. Earle McMichael, of Winston-Salem, served as solicitor.

Probably the most significant of cases appearing on the criminal calendar was the trial of Clyde Murphy and Paul Vernon, of Edmonds, both of whom were charged with breaking and entering and larceny. The two youths were alleged to have been responsible for the jail delivery here on the night of July 6, when the sheriff's office was broken into, the jail keys stolen from his desk, and three persons released from their cells on the second floor of the courthouse.

Cross Examined

After rapid-fire cross-examinations by Solicitor McMichael and Attorneys Crouse and Gambill, the defendants finally confessed to the charges but insisted on placing most of the blame on each other. Both Murphy and Vernon received three-year terms in the state prison.

Charged with manslaughter in connection with an automobile accident which occurred in February, 1937, resulting in the death of Dr. G. F. Duncan, of Sparta, Tam Bledsoe was ordered to remit to the child of the deceased person \$15 a month. He has paid in full the sum of \$1,000, in full of a sum of \$435 which he had already paid. He was also required to pay the costs of court.

Appearing in court on charges of reckless driving, Jimmie Atwood and Walter Blevins, drivers of two cars which collided here on the night of August 29 and tore out the glass front of the Northwestern Bank, were each required to pay the bank sums of \$100 and Johnnie McMillan, most seriously injured in the wreck (Continued on Page Four)

Elkin To Have WMU Zone Meet

The Wilkesboro division of the WMU will hold a district meeting next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist church of Elkin, it was announced yesterday.

Miss Pearl Johnson, of South Carolina, a missionary to China, will be the foreign mission speaker. Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, state WMU president, and Mrs. W. D. Briggs, executive secretary of Raleigh, will also attend.

Each society in Alleghany county is being urged to send representatives to the meeting. Mrs. Earl C. James, of Elkin, will preside.

Reds Admit Retreat; Retake Captured City; Towns Bombed

This week the Russian forces acknowledged retreat into the rich Donets basin, but announced the winning back of a city on the approaches to Leningrad. Russians and Germans fought at close quarters along the lines with bayonets being brought into use along southern points of combat.

English and German air forces continued active with much damage being done by both sides.

The Germans, not claiming a single new victory of consequence, were catching their breath all along the eastern front; Berlin itself implied as much, for a military spokesman stated that for "certain reasons" not disclosed there would be little news for the next few days.

Prime Minister Churchill of Britain, described Britain's home position as vastly bettered, with her shipping losses to Axis raiders reduced to two-thirds in the last three months. This, however,

Alleghany Held Successful Fair During Weekend

Farm Exhibits Are Easily On Par With Those Of Previous Years.

FINE LIVESTOCK

Alleghany's annual agricultural fair which closed last Saturday night, was described by officials of the fair association as an outstanding success in most respects and perhaps as good from the standpoint of farm exhibits as any exposition ever held here.

Exhibits in most departments, it was declared, were far above average in spite of a season which included an extended drought in the early part of the summer.

With fair weather holding sway on both days of the fair, all scheduled programs of the fair were carried out to big attendances. An estimated crowd of 1,000 attended the fair during its two days of operation. There was a record crowd on Saturday morning, and close to 200 people attended the square dance Saturday night in the gym.

Many Prizes Offered

A total of more than 275 exhibitors took part in the fair. Valuable prizes were offered on 192 different premiums in 17 departments, in addition to several sweepstakes prizes.

Livestock exhibits were considered on a par with past years, and the beef cattle among the best ever exhibited. Many of the crop exhibits were also superior.

Canned goods, culinary, needlecraft, flowers, art, photography, dairy cattle, horses and mules, vegetables, fruits and several other exhibits were considered as fine as exhibited at any fair in this section. There was a shortage of sheep and poultry entries.

Judging of field crops and vegetables was done by Mrs. Anne Rowe, district home demonstration agent; Robert W. Fleetwood, FSA supervisor; and Wayne Ferguson, of the Ashe county FSA.

Acting as judges in the live- (Continued on Page 4)

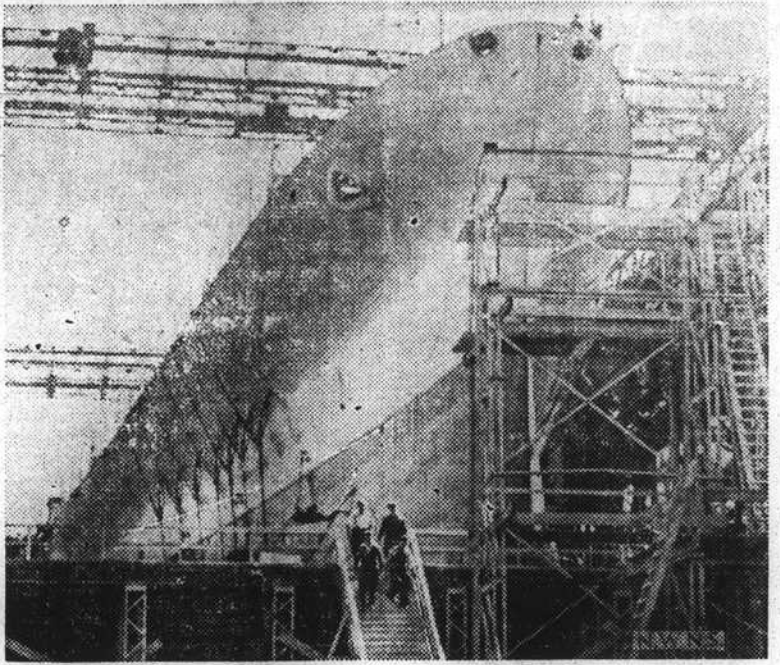
Last Rites Held For Rev. Dutton

Funeral services were held at Blue Springs, Va., Sunday for Rev. Clark Dutton, former pastor of the Midway Methodist church in Kannapolis, who died last Friday at the home of a son in Cedar Springs, Va.

Rev. Dutton was well known in Alleghany county, for it was here, that his wife, the former Miss Flora Black, lived. Rev. L. F. Strader, of Sparta, attended the funeral. Rev. A. C. Gibbs conducted the services.

More than 200 persons from the central part of North Carolina are reported to have attended the funeral at Blue Springs. Besides his widow, Rev. Dutton left three children.

U. S. S. Massachusetts Ready For Seas



View of the battleship U. S. S. Massachusetts as it was completed and put in shape for launching ceremonies at Quincy, Mass. Secretary of Navy Knox designated Mrs. Chas. F. Adams, wife of the former secretary of the navy, as sponsor for the ship named in honor of the state of Massachusetts.

Alleghany Young Men Are Showing Much Interest In Joining United States Navy

SHE'S 98 YEARS OLD!



Here is Mrs. Jim Miller, of Laurel Springs, who will pass the century mark if she lives two years more. She is in good health and look how dressed up she was when this photo was made.

Methodist Women Of District Met Here Wednesday

Women's Societies of Christian Service Held Zone Meet In Church.

Convening in the Methodist church here on Wednesday, a zone meeting of the Women's Societies of Christian Service of the Elkin district was held, featuring addresses by several outstanding religious leaders residing in this section of the state.

After the devotional by Rev. L. F. Strader, Mrs. Mason Lillard, district secretary, brought a special message to the group. Mrs. Ed Gardner then talked on "Responsibilities and Wesleyan Service Guild."

"Our Spiritual Life" was discussed by Mrs. J. L. Hall, after which Miss Mamie Sockwell talked to the girls and young women. Children's work was discussed by Mrs. J. B. Henderson.

Mrs. W. W. Whitaker talked to the group of Christian social relations and local church activities. Mrs. J. F. Clement discussed missionary education and service.

After the closing devotional on peace by Mrs. George Royal, the group assembled in the community building for lunch.

AUX. TO MEET TUESDAY

The girls' auxiliary of the Sparta Baptist church is scheduled to meet at the home of Miss Jesse Gwyn Woodruff next Tuesday night at 7:30, it was announced yesterday. Members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Dutton Fender is reported to be ill this week.

Number Already Applying At Alleghany News Office For Free Booklet.

A number of young men in Alleghany are already investigating the advantages offered to them by the United States Navy and Naval Reserve and are seriously considering voluntary enlistment in this important branch of military service.

Since the campaign for recruits to build up the man-power for a "two-ocean Navy" was launched through this paper last Thursday, boys all over the county have been talking about getting into the Navy.

To learn more about the advantages for training in different trades, the Navy editor of The Post has had a good many inquiries for the free booklet, "Everything You Want to Know About Life in the U. S. Navy." Several of them have clipped out and sent in the coupon that also appears in the advertisement published in this issue.

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TB Clinic To Be Held Here Mon.

Next Monday a tuberculosis clinic will be conducted by Dr. William H. Roper of the state sanatorium, at the health department here, Miss Ola Collins, county health nurse, announced yesterday.

The clinic is designed not only for those persons afflicted with tuberculosis, but for persons who have symptoms, or who have been in contact with TB patients.

Already a number of people have made appointments with Dr. Roper, according to Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer. Others desiring to take advantage of the free clinic must make appointments between now and Monday.

Physicians may also refer their patients to the clinic. There is no cost to the service.

Sparta Is Promised Another Telephone Line To Elkin

After a hearing in the Jefferson courthouse last week at which complaints about the telephone service in Ashe and Alleghany were made by residents of both counties, it was announced that an order had been placed for necessary material to construct another line out of Sparta to Elkin.

The announcement was made by W. E. Sparger, district manager of the Central Electric and Telephone company. Materials for the new line, which according to Mr. Sparger had already been ordered before the Ashe county hearing, are expected to arrive December 1.

At present there is only one long distance line out of Sparta to Elkin, which means that there is really only one line connecting the town with the outside world. When this line is busy, it

AAA Committeemen Are To Be Elected At Township Meets

County To Send 11 Men To Army Next Thursday

Alleghany Already Has 47 Men In Uniform, Draft Figures Show.

ONLY 7 REJECTED

After reporting here early next Thursday, eleven men are to 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.

According to figures released by draft officials here yesterday, Alleghany county now has 47 men in camp under the provisions of the selective service act. The current quota of men, if all are accepted, will swell the number to 58.

While the county has received calls for a total of 62 men, 15 of the selectees were not inducted into the army for one reason or another. Only seven of these were turned down at camp, however. Alleghany has sent only three Negroes to the army.

Official figures concerning the selectees accepted into the army are as follows: December 4, one; January 20, five; February 20, two; March 21, five; April 4, four; April 11, four; May 14, three (col.); June 12, six; July 18, six; August 15, five; September 16, six.

WPA Bookmobile Comes Here Mon.

"Library on Wheels" to Begin Two-Month Trial Demonstration.

Equipped with over 2,500 state-owned books, the WPA bookmobile of Wilkes county will begin a trial demonstration of rural library service to the people of Alleghany county next Monday morning at 8:35 a. m.

No action has been taken as yet to secure the permanent services of the "library on wheels." In order to do so, it is understood that Alleghany county is expected to raise the sum of \$300. The bookmobile will begin its library service here Monday on a two-month trial basis.

New books are to be sent here periodically by the state office and added to the shelves of the public library, from which the bookmobile will operate.

The truck will make a complete circuit of Alleghany county, finishing up its work for the first week late Thursday afternoon.

County Agent Urges Farmers to Attend Meetings; Schedule Is Given.

MOXLEY IS SUPERVISOR

County and community committeemen to serve on the 1942 agricultural conservation program will be elected at a group of township meetings, beginning next Thursday afternoon, County Agent R. E. Black announced yesterday.

"In order for our program to function properly the farmers should elect some of the most able, public-spirited men in their communities," Mr. Black said. "This is the farmers' program and it is up to them to elect their own committeemen."

Any landlord, share cropper or tenant who has qualified for a payment under the 1941 program is eligible to vote. Jess Moxley, of Sparta, has been county supervisor this year.

Urges Cooperation

"Each voter will be expected to vote in the township in which he resides," the county agent explained. "I will appreciate just as many as possible coming to the meetings. It does not represent the voice of the people when only a few men vote."

The following is a schedule of township meetings:

Thursday, October 9—Blevins Crossroads, 1 p. m.; Cherry Lane, 3:30 p. m.; Piney Creek school, 7 p. m.

Friday, October 10—Whitehead, 1 p. m.; Sparta, 7 p. m.

Saturday, October 11—New Hope, 1 p. m.; Laurel Springs, 7 p. m.

Baptists To Hold 46th Association

Little River Group to Meet at South Fork Church This Weekend.

Representatives of 15 churches in the Little River Regular Baptist association are planning to hold their forty-sixth annual session this week-end at South Fork church, one mile west of the Piney Creek post office, beginning Friday morning at 10:30.

Elder L. T. Brooks, of Glade Valley, is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon. His alternate will be Elder Wiley Combs, of Whitehead. A record crowd is expected to attend the association.

Churches in the association are as follows: Big Springs, Double Springs, Landmark, Laurel Glen, Mt. Carmel, Mountain View, Mt. Ararat, Mt. Olive, New Salem, New Bethel, Prathers Creek, Pleasant Home, Roaring Gap, Saddle Mountain and South Fork.

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

TO HOLD A REVIVAL

Revival services are being held this week at the Chestnut Grove Missionary Baptist church, beginning each evening at 7:30. The meeting is being conducted by Rev. Gwyn Blackburn. The public is invited.

JOE GISH
"MY GRAND MOTHER RENEDEE-ETC"
"A SORE THROAT?"
"TELL YA WHAT YOU DO... ETC ETC"
"YA GOT T' KNOW HOW MUCH UNLICENSED MEDICAL GENUIN THERE'S IN 'N' MINUTE YA USAR A BRIDGE"
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