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Education Board Appoints Gentry As Truant Officer For County School System

Group Also Hears Requests From Patrons Regarding Bus Routes

At a meeting of the board of education on Monday, R. D. Gentry, of Sparta, was appointed to serve as truant officer for the Alleghany school system.

Explaining that there has long been a definite need for an attendance officer in Alleghany county, Superintendent W. C. Thompson said that the superintendent of public welfare, Miss Lillie Ervin, could no longer be expected to serve in that capacity.

The establishment of the new position together with the appointment of Mr. Gentry, was given the full approval of both the boards of education and county commissioners.

County school teachers will first determine the number of absences, after which time they will be turned in to the superintendent's office. If there is evidence of an unlawful excuse, the matter will be turned over to Mr. Gentry, who will conduct an investigation.

Other Business
The maximum penalty for keeping children between the ages of 7 to 14 out of school is a fine of \$50 or 30 days in prison. The parents or the guardian of a child are held responsible.

Beside appointing a truant officer, members of the board heard requests from several patrons regarding the adjustment of bus routes. The board passed favorably on all requests and authorized Superintendent Thompson to take up the matter with state officials.

T. A. Leeper Is Buried At Elkin

District Engineer For State Highway Died Of Heart Attack Sunday

A brief funeral service was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the A. A. Cathey residence in Elkin for Thomas Alexander Leeper, 43, district engineer of the State Highway and Public Works commission, with headquarters at Elkin for the last eight years or longer.

Mr. Leeper died of a heart attack Sunday night at his home in Elkin. Monday at 2 p. m. services were held in the First Baptist church of Elkin, of which Mr. Leeper was a member. The body was brought to Belmont Monday afternoon to the Cathey home in South Point section where a second service was held Tuesday morning.

Interment was in the Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Leeper was very well known around Sparta, where as highway engineer he supervised construction work on many county roads. He had many friends throughout the county.

Among those from Sparta and the state prison camp who attended the funeral Tuesday were Don Shores, J. R. Hawthorne, Ross Richardson, J. B. Osborne, Oscar Richardson, Clark Higgins, W. F. Hoppers, Kyle Edwards, Don Duncan, Sam Billings, Paul Higgins, Arthur Gambill, Wayne Hoppers, Bob Maines, A. C. McMillan, Eugene Edwards, Reid Hampton, T. Reeves, Lee Caudill, Jack Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moxley, A. C. McMillan, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Doughton.

Warns Against Killing Deer

County Game Warden Dick Gentry yesterday warned that it is a violation of the law to hunt, kill or in any way disturb the deer in Alleghany county and that violators will be subject to a fine of not more than \$50.

Mr. Gentry said that there is no season for hunting deer in this county. "We don't have an unusually large herd of deer up here," he pointed out, "and we are anxious to keep what we have."

Unprotected woodland 27 times more burn and 21 times as much damage as protected forests in the United States during 1940, reports the U. S. Forest Service.

To Hold Training School For CCC Enrollees Soon

Much Vocational Instruction Is Given At Laurel Sp'gs CCC Camp.

The officers of CCC Co. 3420, Laurel Springs, were notified this week that a full time school is to be conducted at Fort Jackson, S. C., for the purpose of training enrollees of this CCC district as shipfitter's helpers, and were advised to select five enrollees from the Laurel Springs camp as applicants for this training school. This school is to be conducted in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Trades and Industrial Education and will last for a period of six weeks, beginning sometime this month.

Each year various schools of this nature are held for the purpose of training CCC youth in occupations and trades, and with the National Defense Program demanding much skilled and semi-skilled labor it is expected that several more schools will be held within the near future. These schools are, of course, a part of the CCC training program, in connection with the National Defense Program, and each enrollee's expense is paid by the government.

Raymond J. Kiddoo, camp educational adviser at the Laurel Springs camp, also announced that beginning with this week a new quarterly series of vocational and academic classes will start. The vocational classes this quarter, although reduced in number by the absence of two foremen-instructors, will include such classes as automobile mechanics, blacksmithing, carpentry, cooking and baking, forestry, grading, soil preparation, livestock (swine) raising, CCC administration, bee keeping, photography and wood-working, while the academic classes range from classes in illiteracy to various high school classes, including a course in general office practice. Other classes may be added to the list, according to the desires and demands of the enrollees.

Three Selectees Rejected Thurs.

Of the 11 Alleghany county selectees who were slated to be inducted into the United States army last Thursday, one did not make the trip and three were rejected at the induction center.

Clyde Paul Kennedy's induction was postponed for 60 days, draft officials reported. Frank Claude Atwood, Robert Lee Johnson and Delbert Edward Walker failed to pass the physical examination at Fort Bragg.

The draft board was notified this week that Alleghany county will not be expected to send a contingent of men this month. A quota for next month is expected within the next week or 10 days, however.

Teacher—And what lesson do we learn from the busy bee?
Smart Boy—Not to be stung.

Germans Said To Be Moving Rapidly On Toward Moscow

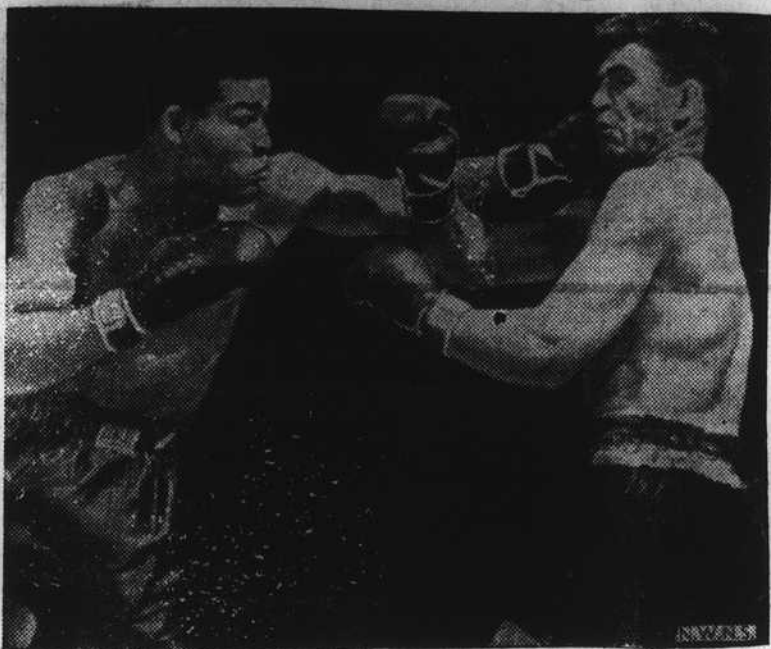
The mightiest battle in the world's history is now being waged on two fronts by the Germans in their relentless drive to beat Russian resistance and reach Moscow.

According to German releases yesterday, one Nazi army is within 125 miles of the Red capital and another one 220 miles south of it.

Berlin—German forces pressing eastward in a massive seven-day offensive have flanked the rich Soviet industrial Donets basin by occupying the ports of Mariupol and Ossiipenko, two-thirds of the way across the north shore of the Sea of Azov, authoritative sources announced yesterday.

Mariupol, 125 miles east of the Dnieper river and 100 miles west of the Don river city of Rostov, and Ossiipenko, 40 miles southwest of Mariupol, were described by the Germans as the most important Russian grain and coal

Action From Louis-Nova Battle



Here's a bit of action from last week's fight in which Joe Louis successfully defended his heavyweight boxing championship for the nineteenth time by scoring a T. K. O. over Lou Nova after 2 minutes and 59 second of the sixth round. Louis has been classified as 1-A under the selective service act and is slated to enter army life.

Strip Cropping Proves Big Help In Soil Conservation

Three Winners Of Sweepstakes Prizes Named

Lonnie Edwards, Mrs. Rizotti and Moxley Win Grand Fair Awards.

According to an announcement yesterday by officials of the county fair association, Lonnie Edwards, Mrs. Ed Rizotti and Mrs. T. S. Moxley have been declared winners of the three sweepstakes prizes offered to those persons who capped the most premiums in designated departments at the recent fair here.

For winning the most points in the first five departments, Mr. Edwards received a Chattanooga plow donated by the Farmers' Hardware and Implement company. His score was 35 points. T. S. Moxley was runner-up, with 26 points.

Mrs. Ed Rizotti, with a score of 28 in the next four departments, is to receive a free permanent at the Alleghany Beauty shop. Runners-up in this competition were Miss Bertrice Absher, with 18 points, and Mrs. Gwyn Truitt, with 17.

Scoring 22 points in departments nine and 10, Mrs. T. S. Moxley is to receive a permanent at Sally's Beauty shop. Mrs. A. O. Joines was second high, with 21 points, and Mrs. Ed Dobyns, with 20.

FIVE ARE ACCEPTED AS CCC ENROLLEES

Five Alleghany county young men were accepted as enrollees at the CCC camp at Laurel Springs last week, according to Miss Lillie Ervin, superintendent of public welfare. All were white.

The new enrollees were Kelly Clifton Anderson, of Sparta; Paul Jones Bleivins, of Laurel Springs; Raleigh V. Caudill, of Whitehead; Earl Halsey and Ralph Pratt, of Piney Creek.

By STATON McIVER, New River Soil Conservation District

Whenever row crops are planted on steep hillsides some soil is going to be lost by erosion. It is better not to grow row crops on steep land unless it is absolutely necessary. When it is necessary, row crops should be grown with all caution and care to prevent erosion from occurring.

The best method of doing this is to arrange the field in contour strips, leaving the draws in grass, and planting one part of the field in a row crop at a time, thus leaving the other part in grass to catch any soil washing down the slope from the cultivated strip. This type of cultivation will reduce the soil loss tremendously over that which would have been lost if the field had been row cropped entirely each year.

Contour strips are easy to lay off and are easy to cultivate for the simple reason that all operations are on the level line around the slope of the hill. Teams and manpower do not have to work up and down hill but instead work around or crosswise to the slope. Strips may be laid off anywhere from 50 feet to 150 feet in width, depending on the soil type, degree of erosion, slope, and size of the field.

Using a three-year strip rotation of the first year corn followed by small grain; the second year small grain with grass and clover interplanted; and the third year grass and clover; the field would be divided into approximately 10 to approximately equal width bands around the hill. The first year, starting at the top of the hill, corn would be planted in every third strip. Each succeeding year the corn would be moved down hill one strip. Small grain would always follow directly behind the corn crop and the grass planted in the small grain would always be left the second year undisturbed. In this manner each section of land would be cropped in a complete three-year cycle of (1) corn, (2) small grain, (3) grass and clover. By following this cropping pattern there would always be a contour strip of two-year old grass and clover for hay

Only One New TB Case Found

Of the 38 persons examined here last Monday by Dr. William H. Roper, of the state sanatorium, only two active cases of tuberculosis were found and these cases had already been diagnosed, Miss Ola Collins, county health nurse, announced yesterday.

One new active childhood case was discovered, however, and one inactive childhood type. There were 4 arrested pre-diagnosed cases and one diagnosis of bronchiectosis. All those who attended the clinic were given fluoroscopic examinations.

Free literature concerning the prevention and treatment of TB is available at the county health department offices here.

Dogwood Is In Bloom In Fall

When the dogwood was chosen as state flower, there were a number of persons who disapproved of the choice on the grounds that the dogwood only blooms in the spring of the year, and then only for a short time.

That may be true in most sections of the state. But try making Mrs. Sallie Shepherd, of Scottville, believe it!

On her farm in the aforementioned community there is a dogwood tree in full blossom. It has been blooming for several weeks and shows no signs of shedding its blossoms as long as the weather remains warm.

As if that wasn't enough, there is also an apple tree on her farm loaded down with fruit on one side—in full bloom on the other.

School Teachers To Hold Meeting Saturday A. M.

Plans for NCEA Unit to Be Discussed; Speaker Will Address Group.

HALSEY TO PRESIDE

Another countywide teachers' meeting is scheduled to be held at the Sparta high school Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Superintendent W. C. Thompson announced yesterday.

L. K. Halsey, principal of the Piney Creek schools and president of the local North Carolina Education association unit, will preside at the meeting.

An outside speaker, probably someone from a neighboring town, will address the teachers, cording to Chas. R. Roe, principal of the Sparta schools.

At this second meeting of the current school year the work of the NCEA will be discussed, a campaign for membership begun, and other business pertaining to the county unit taken up. An election of officers for the units in this district will be held later, it was stated.

All teachers in the county school system are urged to attend this important meeting, Mr. Thompson declared.

Money Allotted To REA Co-op To Buy Power Co.

Allotment of \$316,000 Made In Washington Yesterday. Sale Not Complete.

The REA yesterday allotted the Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation \$316,000 for the purpose of buying the property of the Northwest Carolina Utilities in Blowing Rock, West Jefferson, Warrensville, Lansing, Sparta and Roaring Gap, it was announced here yesterday.

When this paper went to press Thursday, no information was available as to how and when the proposed purchase will be terminated.

For the past several months, the REA co-op has had a sales option to buy the Northwestern properties at a minimum amount of \$170,000. To make the purchase, the REA had to line up as many new customers as would be taken over by the purchase. A \$100,000 improvement program has also been planned.

Due to the OFM priorities on copper and other metals, it had been thought possible that the sale would not be completed this fall.

More Alleghany County Fair Prize-Winners Announced

Listed below are the remainder of the prize-winners at the Alleghany agricultural fair, held on September 26-27, and at which approximately \$350 in cash merchandise was awarded as prizes.

DEPT. VII—Grains & Grasses
Best 10 ears white corn—1st, Kenneth Fender; 2nd, C. L. Hash.
Best 10 ears yellow corn—1st, G. R. Hendrix; 2nd, Fred Hampton.

Best 5 stalks field corn—1st, C. G. Andrews; 2nd, C. L. Hash.
Best 5 stalks ensilage corn—1st, C. L. Hash; 2nd, Fred Osborne.
Best 10 ears pop corn—1st, Andrew Jennings; 2nd, R. D. Richardson.

Best gallon wheat—1st, Fielden Miller; 2nd, R. D. Southern.

Dairy Income Could Be Tripled In This Area, Leagans Says

BALTIMORE BEAM



Curious citizens in large numbers in Washington, D. C., and other cities along their route, turned out to see the duke and dutchess of Windsor as they passed through the U. S. on their way to Alberta, Canada. There they are spending some time on the duke's Canadian ranch. They are shown after leaving Baltimore, Md.

Dairy Field Specialist Makes Report After Two Months Study In County.

DETAILS ARE GIVEN

"With its natural blue grass pasture lands, watered by cool pure mountain streams free from wild onions, garlic and other off-flavored weeds, and cool climate, this section is ideally adapted to the dairy industry and has almost unlimited possibilities for becoming one of the greatest dairying sections in the south," J. P. Leagans, extension dairy specialist at State College who served as special field representative in Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties during the summer months, stated in a report covering his work here.

He pointed out that this section has three good markets for the sale of milk and that the annual income to around 1,300 farmers from the sale of milk is approximately \$620,000 and that by proper development this figure could be increased to two million dollars.

Mr. Leagans, after working nearly two months, returned to Raleigh last month and another field representative was supposed to have already succeeded him here in the work. The state department has promised to furnish a full-time representative, but no announcement has been made concerning such an appointment. Interested citizens are investigating now to determine what is causing the delay.

In his recommendations, Mr. Leagans stated:

"To insure continued success of the dairy industry in this section, it must be built on a sound basis. By a sound basis is meant that high producing cows, more adequate feeds of the proper kind, and proper housing of dairy cattle must be provided. At this point, the economic situation as it relates to dairying must be taken into consideration. It is probable that present price levels will not be maintained indefinitely; therefore, it is imperative that

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Early Seeding Is Important, Hooper Asserts

Increased Yields And More Grazing In Winter Are Among Advantages.

Early seeding is important for both small grain and winter legumes, according to W. O. Hooper, representative of the department of agriculture in the New River soil conservation district.

Increased yields and more grazing in the winter and early spring are among the advantages of planting small grain early. Mr. Hooper pointed out. Any excess acreage above the farm needs for grain, hay and grazing can be turned under to add organic matter to the soil. The earlier the grain is planted, the more growth there will be to turn under.

Many farmers in the New River area are planting grain this

AAA Elections Now Being Held

County Agent Urges Farmers To Attend Meetings In Their Communities.

Elections of county and community committeemen to serve on the 1942 agricultural conservation program were to begin Thursday of this week, County Agent R. E. Black announced.

Any landlord, share cropper or tenant who has qualified for a payment under the 1941 program is eligible to vote, Mr. Black said. Farmers are urged to attend the meetings in their communities.

The following is a schedule of remaining meetings:

Friday, October 10—Whitehead, 1 p. m.; Sparta, 7 p. m.
Saturday, October 11—New Hope, 1 p. m.; Laurel Springs, 7 p. m.

11 Take Exam For Post Office Job

21 Persons Had Filed Applications for Job As Postmaster.

Eleven residents of the town of Sparta, having recently filed their applications for the job as postmaster here, were given the civil service examination at North Wilkesboro, it was revealed this week.

Twenty-one persons applied for the position, it was learned, but only 11 took the examination.

They were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gambill, Silas Nichols, Albert Richardson, Ralph Parker, John Osborne, Clytie Duncan, A. O. Joines, Clifford Toliver, Hugh Choate and Ode Joines.

Their respective grades will be announced by the civil service commission in the near future, it was stated.

Sam W. Brown, of Sparta, is now serving as acting postmaster here. Ode Joines is assistant postmaster.

JOE GISH

