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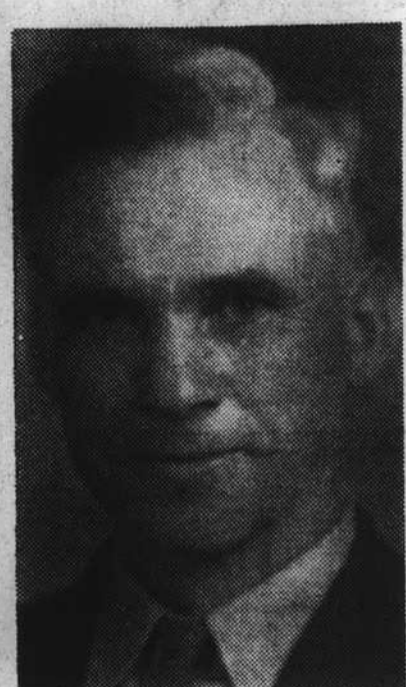
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Defense Officials Asked To Investigate Olivine Deposits

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany
By Staff Writer



JESS MOXLEY

Since 1935, when R. E. Black became farm agent of Alleghany county and the agricultural adjustment administration was still in its infancy, Jess Moxley, of Sparta, has been an active force behind the extensive federal program for soil conservation.

Working in cooperation with extension department specialists, Messrs. Black and Moxley, together with several other interested farmers and townsmen, began in May, 1935 a program best suited to this county. Meetings were held to explain the AAA program; committeemen and supervisors went from house to house to get the proper forms filled out. Sheep farmers were mailed blanks on which to list their wool and lambs for sale. A similar form was mailed to cattle farmers, and a bulletin published giving a list of cattle for sale. There were tours to outstanding demonstrations.

When Mr. Moxley first signed up for the program, there were only 42 farmers cooperating with the AAA; in 1935 there were only 250 to 300. Now there are more than 1,500. Since 1935, soil conservation, checks have amounted to more than \$100,000.

Improved Grazing

Along with the county agent, Mr. Moxley encouraged farmers (Continued on Page Four)

Champion Hereford Bull At State Fair Is Owned By Doughton

Son of Congressman Also Exhibited Grand Champion Hereford Cow.

ENTER BABY BEEVES

J. Horton Doughton, of Sparta and Statesville, son of Congressman R. L. Doughton, is the owner this year of a Hereford bull which won the grand championship of the open Hereford beef cattle show at the State fair in Raleigh this week, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Doughton also exhibited the grand champion Hereford cow and the best pair of yearling females in the Hereford beef cattle, open class.

Having managed his father's expansive farm at Laurel Springs for the past year, Mr. Doughton has shown an intense interest in livestock. The Doughton farm has always contained some of the best-grade cattle in northwestern North Carolina.

Among other residents of the county who are exhibiting livestock at the State fair are Billy Carroll Choate, Jones Andrews and Lucille Miller. They are exhibiting their baby beeves, but according to an announcement of prize-winners yesterday, they had not won a prize.

Thousands have thronged the fair grounds this week, viewed the exhibits, saw the midway show, and crowded the grandstand for a program of horse racing and daredevil driving. The automobile races are to be run off Saturday afternoon.

County Agent R. E. Black is attending the fair at Sparta this week.

Mrs. Benbow, 80, Died On Tuesday

Body of Lexington Native Is Carried to Winston-Salem for Rites.

Mrs. Lou Jane Benbow, 80, died Tuesday afternoon at her home near Scottville, after having been in declining health for several years.

Mrs. Benbow was born at Lexington. Her husband, Lewis S. Benbow, who died 10 years ago, was a well known attorney at Newland. He was also a well known Lexington attorney.

For the past several years Mrs. Benbow had been making her home with Mrs. Paul Swanson. The body was brought to Vogler's funeral home in Winston-Salem, and arrangements for the funeral had not been learned yesterday.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Caviness, of Newland; Mrs. Nellie Preetve, of Wilkesboro; and Miss Clara Benbow, of Richmond, Va.; two sons, John T. Benbow, of East Bend, and Frank Yokley Benbow, of Newland, and several grandchildren.

Red Cross Group Met On Thursday

Miss Kathryn M. Stewart, Field Representative, Is Speaker.

Miss Kathryn M. Stewart, of Asheville, field representative of the National Red Cross, met with a number of local citizens in the courthouse here last Thursday afternoon and discussed the work of the Alleghany county chapter of the Red Cross.

A round table discussion on the needs and possibilities of the county chapter was held, with Miss Stewart presiding. Mrs. Clennel Richardson, chairman of the emergency closet, was requested to purchase material for supplies for her work. This material will be made up into the necessary articles by the NYA girls' unit.

Following is a list of the officers of the county chapter of the Red Cross: Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman; Mrs. Dalton Warren, vice-chairman; Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, secretary; Alton Thompson, treasurer; Miss Lillie Ervin, home secretary. Mrs. P. H. Tompkins is chairman of the Junior Red Cross.

Committees chosen recently by members of the chapter are as follows: Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, publicity; Rev. V. W. Sears, roll call; Dr. C. A. Thompson, first aid; Mrs. Clennel Richardson, emergency closet; Miss Ola Collins, child health and Red Cross nurse; Mrs. R. L. Berry, chairman of Red Cross home nursing.

The annual roll call of the Red Cross chapter is expected to be held in the late fall, it was announced.

Nazis Smash On To Moscow; Reds Fighting Desperately

The German forces yesterday moved farther on toward Moscow after continuous fighting of more than two weeks in this vicinity. The Moscow radio exhorted the Red armies to hold the Germans at bay and not let them capture the city.

Germany's military leadership announced Tuesday the annihilation of a total of 6,000,000 Russian soldiers of whom more than half were captives, and an irresistible advance by the Nazi armies of the center which has put the outermost defenses of Moscow within range of German heavy artillery.

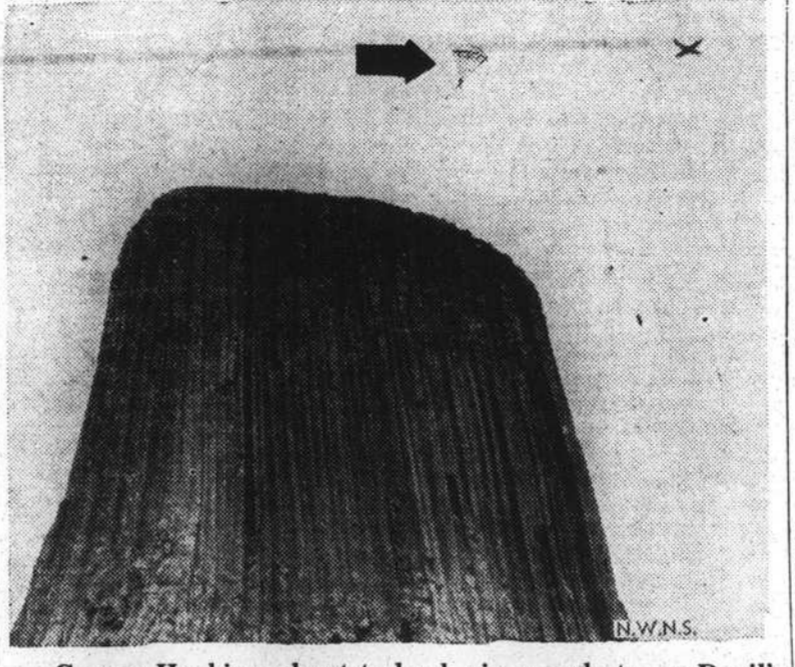
A special high command communique said the imprisoned since June 22 "has far surpassed 3,000,000" or more than half a million in excess of all World War prisoners taken by the Germans. Authorized military sources provided the estimate of 6,000,000 destroyed, putting it on the basis of 300 Soviet divisions of full war strength.

At the same time the high command reported definite annihilation of the Red armies in the Vyazama area, 125 miles west of Moscow, and said the Russian armies about Bryansk, 200 miles southwest of Moscow, were being steadily dissolved in several so-called German "kettles."

The Red armies of the center reported they had beaten the Nazis back 10 bloody miles over the critical Vyazama sector to the west.

Government advices said the Germans had lost no less than 13,000 men in dead and wounded on the Moscow front on Tuesday alone. A supplement to the midnight communique asserted: (Continued on Page Four)

Before a Stunt Man Said 'Never Again'



George Hopkins, about to land, via parachute, on Devil's Tower, Wyoming. (to win a \$50 bet) where he remained, unable to get down, for 144 hours. Note the plane by which Hopkins descended by parachute, flying away at right, as the chute drifts to the top of the 1,280-foot peak. Hopkins was rescued by eight veteran alpinists.

AAA Township Committees Are Elected At Meetings

County Convention to be Held at Courthouse Here On October 30.

For the second time since the soil conservation program was begun here in 1935, meetings were held in the various communities last week for the election of AAA township committeemen.

Up until last year ballots were mailed to the office of the county agent. So few ballots were received it was decided that this method was not representative of AAA participants, and meetings were scheduled for each township.

"A great deal of interest was shown in our meetings last week," County Agent R. E. Black said, "and we believe that we have chosen competent men to serve on our AAA committees for 1942."

The county soil conservation committee will be elected on the afternoon of October 30 at 2 o'clock. It is expected that the county AAA convention will be held in the courthouse.

Committeemen elected last week are as follows:

Gap Civil—G. C. Reeves, delegate; S. O. Gambill, alternate; G. C. Reeves, chairman; Oscar Gambill Jr., vice chairman; R. G. Cox, regular member; A. B. Richardson, first alternate; J. P. Absher, second alternate.

Piney Creek—E. C. Wyatt, delegate; Herbert Osborne, alternate; W. C. Brown, chairman; Guy T. Perry, vice chairman; Herbert Osborne, regular member; R. T. Landreth, first alternate; C. C. Reeves, second alternate.

Glade Creek—B. G. Harris, delegate; H. B. Spurlin, alternate; F. L. Andrews, chairman; H. B. Spurlin, vice chairman; B. G. Harris, regular member; W. C. Bottomley, first alternate; Reed Smith, second alternate.

Prathers Creek—J. T. Landreth, delegate; J. H. Waddell, alter-

Loan Chest Is Started By Red Cross Chapter

Service Is Available to Alleghany Families for Emergency Use.

When illness or accident strikes a home, few families are prepared for the unexpected demand of needed supplies, and with this in mind the local Red Cross chapter has donated the necessary funds to start such a service, it was announced yesterday.

The articles needed are being made by the NYA girls. This loan service is available to any Alleghany county family for emergency use, with the understanding that any article borrowed is to be returned promptly and in good condition when the immediate need has been served.

Additional items are to be added later, it was learned. A male urinal has already been donated. Other supplies badly needed include a bed pan, syringe, ice cap, and hot water bag. The donation of any of these articles by an individual or group would be greatly appreciated by the local chapter, it was stated.

The following articles are to constitute the loan chest, with other articles added as needed, through donations and available funds:

Women's night shirts, four medium, four large; men's bed shirts, three medium, three large; sheets, 12; pillow cases, six pairs; oil cloth squares for bed, two; towels, six; urinal (male), one.

The loan chest will be maintained at the health department, and needed articles can be arranged for there.

Maternity Work Is Carried On Here Each Tues.

County Health Nurse Announces Clinics for Expectant Mothers, Others.

Since maternity and child health work are inseparable, and constitute a major part of our public health program, many health departments have set aside a definite date each month for prenatal and infant clinics, Miss Ola Collins, county health nurse said yesterday. But in Alleghany county it has been found more advantageous to have general clinics each Tuesday, because it is difficult for many of the patients to get to town from the rural sections on a designated date, and during limited clinic hours.

"Every pregnant woman should consult a physician as soon as she suspects pregnancy," Miss Collins said. One visit to the physician each month should be made during the first seven months, and a visit every 2 weeks (Continued on Page 8)

TVA Report Shows A Vast Supply Of This Magnesium Bearing Metal In Alleghany

W-S Presbytery Met On Tuesday At Glade Valley

J. M. Wells, Jr., of Winston-Salem, Is Elected Moderator By Group.

MINISTERS ATTEND

J. M. Wells Jr., of Winston-Salem, was elected moderator Tuesday at the forty-third stated quarterly meeting of the Winston-Salem Presbytery of the Glade Valley high school.

Twenty-one ministers attended the meeting and 19 churches were represented by their elders.

Following the sermon delivered by Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Glade Valley and Sparta Presbyterian churches, at the 11 o'clock hour, other business was taken up.

Rev. P. J. Garrison, of Winston-Salem, was named temporary clerk of the Presbytery. Rev. Clyde Dubose, of East Hanover, was received into the Presbytery, and a commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Thomasville.

A committee composed of Rev. Watt M. Cooper, of North Wilkesboro; Rev. Sam Wiley, of Greensboro; J. S. Kyd Kendall and C. M. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem; Paul Engle, of High Point, was appointed to survey the needs of the Glade Valley high school, which is under the joint control of Presbytery of Winston-Salem and Orange. They will report next April.

Among other business, the commissions of the Presbytery reported installation of Rev. J. W. Foster in Flat Rock and Pine Ridge Presbyterian churches and ordination of Rev. Ralph Buchanan, who is serving one of the home mission fields of the Presbyterian church.

Govt. Badly Needs Magnesium to Make Airplanes, Incendiary Bombs.

NEWS MAKES REQUEST

Proper national defense officials are being asked to investigate the rich olivine deposits in Alleghany, Ashe and Grayson counties.

This request is being made by this newspaper, through the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, Dr. J. L. Stuckey, state geologist, Gov. J. M. Broughton and Congressman R. L. Doughton.

According to a report made some time ago by the Tennessee Valley Authority, there are vast deposits of olivine in this section of Northwestern North Carolina and in a section of Western North Carolina, including Jackson and Macon counties.

These olivine deposits are said to contain from 20 to 30 percent metallic magnesium and the federal government is now sorely in need of magnesium for defense purposes.

Magnesium is used in the construction of airplanes, particularly in bomber types, and for making incendiary bombs.

Supply Limited

Like aluminum, the supply of magnesium in the United States is limited, much too limited to carry forward the gigantic national defense production program.

It is estimated that the production of magnesium in this country is scarcely a tenth of what will be needed. It is believed that a satisfactory process for the recovery of magnesium from olivine and other minerals in this section has been perfected under the sponsorship of the TVA and the U. S. Bureau of Mines by a research program worked out at the Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta.

It is estimated that there are a quarter of a billion tons of this magnesium mineral, olivine, in the Southwest and that most of it is in North Carolina, with vast quantities right here in Alleghany county. (Continued on Page Eight)

Teachers Plan To Attend Meet

Several Alleghany schools have reported that they will be closed all day Friday, October 17, enabling their teachers to attend the nineteenth annual convention of the Northwestern North Carolina Education association, which is meeting at Woman's college in Greensboro.

With S. C. Deskins, principal of Summer school in Guilford county, serving as president of the group, an outstanding program is laid which will bring a number of leaders in the field of education to the convention.

Two general sessions will be held for the delegates Friday morning and evening, and special sectional meetings of the teacher groups will hold the spotlight during the afternoon. Several groups will hold special luncheon and dinner meetings, also.

Ray Lundy Dies At Society Hill

Former Resident of Glade Valley Was Engaged in Lumber Business in S. C.

Funeral services were held on Sunday for Ray Lundy, 20, of Society Hill, S. C., who died last Friday of blood poisoning and pneumonia.

A graduate of the Sparta high school, class of 1938, Mr. Lundy formerly lived in Alleghany county in the Glade Valley community. He was married about 18 months ago to Miss Lois Millisap, also of Glade Valley.

Services were held at Society Hill, where for the past several months the deceased had been engaged in the lumber business. A number of Alleghany people attended the funeral.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lois Lundy; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lundy; and a brother, Harold Lundy. All are residents of Society Hill.

WPA Project Approved For Soil Conservation Work

Wade E. Eller, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the New River Soil Conservation District, announced today that he has received communication from Congressman R. L. Doughton in Washington to the effect that the President on October 8th approved a WPA project to be used in conjunction with the soil conservation program being carried on by the District.

This labor will be of great help to the farmers cooperating with the district but it will be used only to help carry out soil conservation work on farms cooperating with the district whose owners are primarily interested in conserving the soil through good soil management, it was announced.

When a farmer has worked out, with the district, a good soil management plan based on actual soil conditions and needs of the farm, the district may allot small amounts of labor to help the farmer do soil conserving jobs that are too large for him to accomplish alone and then only when the farmer is willing to help out and do his part.

Jobs which are permissible under this project are: gully control work, mulching galled areas, timber thinning demonstrations, tree planting, planting kudzu for erosion control, building new fences or relocating old fences for the primary purpose of erosion control, staking strip cropping, establishing meadow outlets for water disposal purposes, and other jobs which may be classed as erosion control jobs which are not ordinary farm operations.

The board of supervisors of the district, Mr. Eller said, has determined that all farmers in the county interested in the district program are eligible for this work (Continued on Page Four)

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