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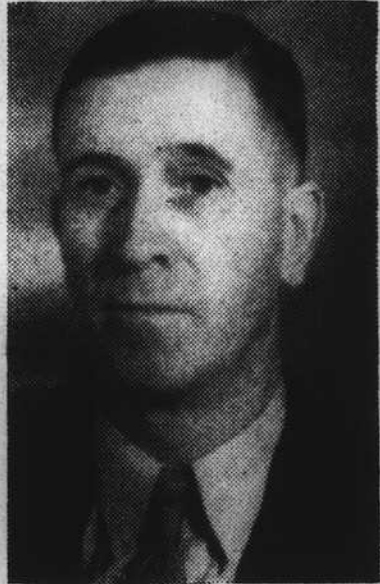
People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer

FRANKLIN ROYAL

Singularly prominent in northwestern North Carolina as an eminent Mason and farmer, Franklin Royal, of Cherry Lane, has had a unique career, one he can look back on as brimful of useful service to his family, community and church.

Starting out life on a small farm on the south side of the Cherry Lane community in the early spring of 1889, Mr. Royal was lit-



erally brought up on work. In his extreme youth he attended one of the county free schools, but beyond that, there was no formal education.

Before he was half grown he began the job of helping to manage the family farm, and he did a very good job of it for some 10 years. He never went west until 1908.

In Montana he found a job as a carpenter, a trade at which he had always been proficient, and during the next 12 months worked on a government dam and a huge railroad bridge across the Yellowstone river.

Bought A Farm

Late in the fall of 1909 he re-

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Alleghany AAA To Meet Thurs.

County Committeemen Are To Be Named At Convention In Courthouse.

Delegates from the seven townships in Alleghany county, who were recently elected to serve on the AAA committees in their respective communities, are planning to meet in the courthouse here on the afternoon of October 30 at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing a county soil conservation committee.

County Agent R. E. Black, who is secretary of the AAA county and community committees, yesterday urged all delegates to be here next Thursday for the meeting. Miss Betty Halsey is treasurer.

Present members of the county AAA committee are C. G. Collins, of Gap Civil; C. L. Hash, of Piney Creek; and C. M. Reynolds, of Glade Valley. Mr. Collins is chairman and Mr. Hash vice-chairman.

Extra Dividend By Northwestern

Directors Of Northwestern Bank Meet In Bakersville On Friday.

Directors of the Northwestern Bank which has a home office in North Wilkesboro and branches in eight other northwestern North Carolina counties, including Alleghany, held a quarterly meeting in Bakersville last Friday.

Regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent payable on December 31 was declared and an extra dividend of six per cent was ordered paid on November 1, making total dividends for the year \$24,600.

Edwin Duncan, executive vice-president of the bank, said that this year has been the most prosperous in the history of the bank and that resources now total more than six million dollars.

Directors from the home office branch going to Bakersville for the meeting were Ralph Duncan, N. B. Smithey and J. T. Prevette; also Edwin Duncan, executive vice-president and director, and Vernon Deal, cashier.

Sportsmen B



Stretched across the head dead carcuses of three deer a recent hunting trip near left to right, are: Wayne Wiggins and Lon Mac Reeves.

Doughton In Invest Olivine

Eight Injured In Auto Wreck

Car Driven by Arthur Gambill Crashed Near Pulaski, Virginia.

Bruises and other minor injuries were suffered by eight residents of the county early last Sunday morning when an automobile driven by Arthur Gambill crashed into another car on a mountain road near Pulaski Va.

Other occupants of the wrecked car were Mrs. Arthur Gambill and baby and Mrs. Dallas Fender, of Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Flora Jane Taylor and Miss Ivazelle Taylor, of Whitehead.

Clerk Of Court Reported Better

Alex Reeves, popular county clerk of court, who last week suffered a hemorrhage of the stomach, was reported yesterday to be resting comfortably in the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Mr. Reeves became ill on October 13 and his condition was said to have been very critical. He had only recently returned from an extended trip through the western states.

C. A. Miles, WPA supervisor who was seriously injured in an automobile accident on the night of September 17, is now able to be "up and around," but has not yet returned to his work.

NYA MEETING HELD

Mrs. Clennel Richardson, NYA supervisor for Sparta, left yesterday to attend an inter-area meeting to be held in Lenoir.

Bridegroom Killed In Crash; Officers Injured; Man Burned

WEST JEFFERSON, Oct. 23.—Violent deaths and critical accidents in Ashe county came in the traditional three Friday and Saturday when two people came to untimely deaths and two others were placed in the hospital from critical injuries.

Early Saturday afternoon Elige Riley, of Clifton, died instantly on the highway near the River-view school. This accident was attributed to a tire blowout and failure to make the curve.

Riley, who was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, of Clifton was returning home from Mountain City, Tenn., where he had just been married at the court house, to Minnie Roland, also of Clifton. With him when the acci-

Secure A Complete Survey.

BRIEF FORWARDED

Shortly after the proper national defense officials were contacted by this newspaper last week and asked to investigate the rich olivine deposits in Alleghany, Ashe and Grayson counties, Congressman R. L. Doughton has promised that further investigation would be made and that if found in sufficient commercial deposits, there is a possibility of development of this valuable natural resource.

In reply to the request from The News, Congressman Doughton said that "I have taken the matter up today with the planning boards of several of the national defense agencies and explained about the deposits of olivine in western North Carolina. They advise that the first steps to take before they can consider locating a plant for mining magnesium is to submit a brief report to them setting out in detail the availability of land, labor, water supply, railroad facilities and all other matters which would be helpful in the location of a plant of this kind."

This information was forwarded to Washington on Tuesday.

Statements contained in a letter just received from Dr. J. L. Stuckey, state geologist whom this paper requested to check the published TVA report, indicate that the report which he has does not show any commercial deposits of olivine in Alleghany or Ashe counties, but Dr. Stuckey states that his report was made "some years ago." According to latest information, the TVA report that was made this year does show olivine deposits in this section, as well as in some of the extreme western counties and every effort is now being made to get a complete and up-to-the-minute check made.

Victor Phipps, chairman of the county board of commissioner, who owns farm land in the Piney Creek and Mouth of Wilson sections, was in The News office this week and expressed particular interest in the investigation for olivine products in Alleghany and Grayson counties. Mr. Phipps said that a long vein of magnesium (Continued on Page Four)

Dear Sir: of the N. C. State College Extension Service, states that the "Food for Freedom" campaign, recently begun on a nation-wide basis, is aggressively under way in North Carolina. Every farm family will be asked to participate and to increase production in 1942 to help feed defense forces at home and abroad.

Silas R. Nichols In Wilkes Office

Sparta Man Now In Employment Office In North Wilkesboro.

North Wilkesboro's branch of the North Carolina state employment service has added Silas R. Nichols, of Sparta, as an interviewer to serve farmers, farm laborers and tenants, it was revealed yesterday.

Mr. Nichols has been transferred back to North Wilkesboro from Jacksonville, where he has been for the past several months handling army housing construction placements.

In North Wilkesboro he will interview farm workers desiring jobs, farm tenants wanting farms and farmers who want workers or tenants.

He has already begun his duties and is now spending much of his time securing and placing workers in orchards at the height of the season for picking and packing apples.

Mr. Nichols has a practical knowledge of farming, for he owns and operates a large farm in Alleghany county. He has been with the employment service since 1935 and was connected with the North Wilkesboro office except for the time spent at Jacksonville.

Lime, Phosphate Must Be Spread

Because of a shortage of 47 per cent phosphate the farmers who placed late orders were compelled to take 20 per cent instead, County Agent R. E. Black said yesterday. The phosphate also arrived later than anticipated and it will naturally work a hardship on some of the farmers to get it spread by November 1.

"The Raleigh office asked for an extension of time for putting out phosphate and lime but this extension was not granted by the Washington office," the county agent explained. "Therefore I want to urge all farmers who have lime or phosphate on hand to get it spread on or before November 1 as there will be a double deduction for that which is not spread before the supervisor's visits."

Supervisors will start checking late practices on or about November 3, it was announced.

COLLINS IN WRECK

Roscoe Collins, son of Porter Collins, of Glade Valley, escaped injury early Saturday night when the Mercury Eight automobile he was driving turned over while rounding a curve on the highway between Twin Oaks and the Doughton bridge, en route to Independence. The top of the car was smashed.

'On The Alert' In Seaboard Defense



The sinister muzzle of an anti-aircraft gun noses skyward as the 62nd Coast Artillery on the alert at LaGuardia Airport, New York city, prepares for a surprise attack. Although the plane in the picture is a commercial airliner, vigilance is not relaxed for a moment as the army conducts its most intensive test of the eastern seaboard defenses yet attempted.

Torpedoed Ship's Skipper Is Cousin Of Local Woman

NEW EDITOR



James B. Anderson, new editor-manager of The Alleghany News who will assume his duties here on Monday.

J. B. Anderson New Editor Of Alleghany News

Succeeds Raymond Lowery Who Leaves This Week For Shelby STARTS MONDAY

Effective Monday, James B. Anderson, of Allendale, S. C., will become editor-manager of The Alleghany News, Publisher Ed M. Anderson announced this week. The new editor will replace Raymond Lowery, who leaves this week to accept a position as reporter on the Shelby Daily Star and to start a course in the Civilian Pilots' Training program.

Mr. Anderson, who has been serving as editor-manager of the Allendale County Citizen, Hampton County Guardian, and the Gasper County Record, has had ten years of successful experience in the newspaper business and comes to The Alleghany News with the best of recommendations. He received his education in journalism at the University of Florida.

Publisher Ed M. Anderson said (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Bryan Wagoner Relative Of U. S. S. Kearny

Mrs. Bryan Wagoner, of Sparta, had unusual interest in the torpedoing of the Kearny last Friday, because the ship's commanding officer, Lieut. Commander Anthony Leo Danis, 42, a native of Woonsocket, R. I., and a former instructor at the Newport Torpedo station, is her first cousin.

Mrs. Wagoner, the former Miss Yvonne Bousquet, is also a native of Rhode Island. Mr. Wagoner, her husband, is connected with the Farmers' Hardware and Implement company here.

Commander Danis, a meteorological expert and former aerological officer aboard the navy's inflated dirigibles Akron and Macon, was assigned to the Kearny in May, 1940, to supervise her fitting out, and became her commander when she was commissioned in September of last year.

Returned Last Year The Kearny visited Newport, R. I., last November at which time Commander Danis renewed old friendships in the state. Several cousins, among them Eugene L. Jalbert, of Woonsocket, and two aunts, live in Rhode Island or nearby Massachusetts. Mrs. Wagoner has not seen her cousin in (Continued on Page Four)

State Director To Pass On Bus Route Changes

L. C. Thornton Is Asked To Study Proposed Adjustments On Routes.

L. C. Thornton, of Raleigh, director of school bus routing in North Carolina, is expected to be here one day next week for the purpose of approving changes and extensions of school bus routes in Alleghany county.

At the present time, according to Superintendent W. C. Thompson, the school buses in this county are serving more patrons than ever before. "We attribute this," Mr. Thompson said, "to the big improvement in our country roads."

Members of the board of education heard several requests on October 6 for adjustments in county school bus routes. After an investigation, it was recommended that some adjustments be made. But Mr. Thornton must approve all changes.

Mr. Thompson said he would like to make it clear that if any of the proposed adjustments are not approved, it would be because some of the routes are too long and complicated to serve any additional mileage.

Army Deserter Arrested Here

Ft. Bragg Military Police Nab Lloyd C. Bottomley On Monday.

Fort Bragg military police, in a jeep wagon of the 79th Field Artillery, rolled into Sparta Monday morning and in a short while had arrested Lloyd C. Bottomley, of the Glade Creek section, who had been away from camp without leave since late in September.

At the time of his enlistment in June, Bottomley is said to have given his age as 19, but after a couple of months of army life he contended that he was only 17. Officers said he had run away from camp once before.

Sergeants W. C. Kuneman and H. F. Porter were the military police who made the arrests. Sheriff DeWitt Bryan had been informed of Bottomley's desertion by Captain S. K. Eaton, commander of the 79th Field Artillery at Fort Bragg.

Attendance In Schools Rises

Employment of a truant officer in Alleghany county has already produced noticeable results in school attendance, Superintendent W. C. Thompson said yesterday.

"Attendance in all county schools is picking up," the superintendent asserted, "and there are now only two cases of truancy under investigation."

NATHAN'S CR. BOY GETS RESERVE COMMISSION

The War Department announced Saturday from Washington, D. C., that William Dean Pennington, of Nathan's Creek, had accepted an appointment as second lieutenant in the army reserve.

Pennington, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pennington, has only been in the service a short time.

Improved machines are expected to encourage Americans to grow more flax.

Nazi U-Boats Sink Two More U. S. Ships; Snow In Russia

The activities of the Axis forces on the high seas which included the sinking of two more American-owned merchant ships within the past few days has caused many Americans to feel that merchant ships should be armed for the emergency, and probably brought the U. S. nearer to war this week.

On the Russian front bitter fighting continues with big losses on both sides and German forces slowly advancing toward Moscow. Bitter cold weather and snow, felt for the first time this week, slowed activities down.

On the northern front, the Russians said Leningrad's defenders are inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, annihilating his manpower and equipment."

One Red army tank unit was declared to have killed 500 Germans, another 400, and both were credited with the destruction or capture of quantities of Nazi supplies. A third unit in three days of fighting was said to have destroyed 92 trucks loaded with German infantrymen.

The picture of the Leningrad area appeared to be the brightest of any of the fronts yesterday.

The Red army's grim defense ring around Moscow generally still held firm in fierce overnight fighting, and Nazi tank and infantry onslaughts failed at Kalinin, 95 miles to the northwest, at Maloyaroslavets, 65 miles to the (Continued on Page Four)

JOE GISH



JOE GISH ONLY PERSONS I KNOW WHO LIKE INTERFERING ARE FOOTBALL PLAYERS.