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Nearly Million Persons Visited Parkway This Year

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer



W. W. WARDEN
(WITH "MAC")
"Who's somebody that's been farming in Alleghany county a long time and who's farm shows a result of the efforts?" we asked County Agent Black.

"W. W. Warden, of Laurel Springs," our county agent replied. And he was right, for Mr. Warden has been a farmer all his life, and now at 69 has an outstanding farm. After his father died when he was but nine years old, Mr. Warden helped run the 94-acre place. He still makes Laurel Springs his home, and has added to the acreage of the farm. We went out and talked to Mr. Warden and asked him if he thought the Alleghany farms had been improved in recent years. "The farms have made a big improvement in the last few years," he replied, "because of the use of lime and phosphate." Mr. Warden, it turns out, was the first man in this county to use lime on his place, and was the first to buy a carload of lime. This first carload was shipped in by West Jefferson, and it was then expensive to use lime. Mr. Warden explained liming cost more than \$10 an acre at first, while it is now less than \$3 an acre. (Continued on Page Four)

Trio From Ashe Dies In Crash

Two Young Women Killed Instantly In Wreck Friday Morning

An automobile in which three Ashe county persons were riding left the highway seven miles north of Independence on the Wytheville road early last Friday morning and two young women instantly died when the machine crashed into an embankment without turning over, while the third occupant died in the Ashe hospital Saturday.

The dead are: Mrs. Jessie Dow Jones Summey, 24, of West Jefferson. Miss Kathleen King, 16, of Lansing. Thomas King, 22, driver of the machine and brother of Kathleen. The trio left West Jefferson Thursday evening and their wrecked machine was found at 2 a. m. Friday by Miss Ruth Hines, of Elk Creek, who was returning to her home from Independence where she is employed in a hosiery mill. Miss Hines is the daughter of Deputy Sheriff Hines, and he investigated the accident.

Dr. J. C. Moxley, of Elk Creek, was called to the scene and he said the girls had died instantly from head and neck injuries. King was unconscious when rushed to the hospital and died from several broken bones. An investigation revealed that the car evidently left the highway at a high rate of speed and crashed into a bank with such force that the motor was dislocated, the battery thrown from the car and the lights extinguished. Funeral services for Mrs. Summey were held Sunday morning at the West Jefferson Methodist church. A double funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon at the Phoenix Baptist church for Kathleen and Tom King.

Messick Tells Plans Of Co-op For Alleghany

Roaring Gap Rates Will Be Reduced and Local Not To Be Raised.

GET NEW POLES

Plans to improve the electric power lines in Alleghany county were explained by Supt. C. F. Messick of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation last night at a meeting of electric consumers in the courthouse here. "The intent of the REA is to serve the people—rural first—with cheap electricity," Mr. Messick told the county citizens who had gathered to hear and see how electric power might serve them. Pointing out how an increased amount of power consumption would mean reduction of rates, Mr. Messick looked into the future and prophesied the time when homes would be heated by electricity because it would be cheaper.

The present rates to be charged members of the co-op is now being worked out by the board of directors and the REA, Mr. Messick explained, but he also brought out there would only be three rates rather than the numerous rates charged by utilities. The three rates will be for residential, commercial and seasonal consumers.

Roaring Gap To Benefit

The rates at Roaring Gap, which heretofore have been considerably higher than elsewhere, will be the same as in Sparta, Mr. Messick said. Consumers at Roaring Gap have been charged 10 cents per kilowatt, which has been too high, Mr. Messick pointed out. The seasonal customers at Roaring Gap will also have a change in rates. Instead of paying \$1.50 a month plus amount of electricity used, they will deposit \$18 per year and pay more until this amount of current is consumed, Mr. Messick said.

The rates will be announced the first of the year, Mr. Messick said. Although he does not know what rates will be worked out by the directors and REA, Mr. Messick did say the rates in Sparta will not be any higher although several. (Continued on Page Four)

Workshop Plans Are Completed

Work Begins Next Week On Temporary Shop For Ag Course

Plans have been drawn for the temporary workshop at Sparta high school and actual work is expected to begin next week on a 24x48 wood structure, Superintendent W. C. Thompson said yesterday.

The shop will be built between the elementary school building and the gymnasium, Mr. Thompson said, on the lower end of the school lot behind a row of pine trees.

Material for the building will be obtained from dismantled old school buildings, according to the superintendent, who said most of the work will be by boys of the agriculture course taught by Harold Higgins, but under the supervision of skilled labor.

The workshop will be constructed of wood with a sloping metal roof, and will have a wood floor.

Britain In Mighty Battle In Libya; Reds Report Success

The second battle front of the war, that of the Libyan desert, has occupied the spotlight during the past few days with the British forces pressing forward in a mighty effort to drive the Axis forces out of Africa. Fierce fighting continues in Russia with the Red forces claiming success in spite of their tremendous losses in manpower.

The imperial British infantry was slowly beating forward yesterday in the bloody Libyan quadrangle near Rezegh, over terrain littered with the iron wreckage of one of the war's great mechanized battles. The first great clash of steel behind him and still not wholly evaluated, save that it was known that both sides had lost tanks

Glade Valley Teacher Has Been Missionary 30 Years



MISS MADA McCUTCHEON is shown in a costume she brought from China to the Glade Valley school, where she is teaching until she can resume her missionary work in the far east.

In Chinese Town Bombed by Jap Planes But Wants to Return.

Miss Mada McCutcheon came to the United States last January on furlough from China, where she has been a missionary for 30 years and is now looking forward to the time she can return to the Orient to resume her teaching in a girls boarding school at Sutsien.

Until the present troubles in China are ended Miss McCutcheon is teaching in the Glade Valley school here in Alleghany county. She went to China in October of 1911, which was when the revolt began to overthrow Manchurian rule and establish a republic. During this revolt, she was forced to leave her station about eight months because of the war conditions. Since that time, however, she had taught in the Sutsien school until the Japanese invaded China.

Miss McCutcheon knows what it is like to be in a city that is being bombed. Japanese planes flew over Sutsien several times to drop their loads on the town. They came in groups of threes, the missionary said, and sometimes as many as 15 came over. "Some of the planes flew so low they sounded as if they would take off the top of the house," Miss McCutcheon declared. "All ways you could see the 'red sun' insignia on their wings."

The people of Sutsien fled before the Japanese troops arrived. In all, about 3,000 homes were wrecked by bombs or flames in the town, she estimated.

The school in which Miss McCutcheon taught was hit by bombs on May 19, when Sutsien underwent. (Continued on Page 8)

Sparta Getting Ready For Coming Of Yuletide Season

Streets To Be Gaily Decorated. News To Publish Christmas Edition.

Santa Claus is coming to town. This annual event became evident in Sparta this week as the town began decorating for the Christmas season. The stores are arranging Christmas windows, and gift merchandise is being displayed for the shoppers.

The business section of Sparta will soon be gaily decorated with holiday lights, wreaths and laurel roping. Everything is expected to be in readiness before the pre-Christmas arrival of Santa Claus.

The Alleghany News will have a special "Christmas Shopping Season" edition next week containing many gift suggestions obtainable from local business houses. All merchants are requested to have copy ready as early as possible.

NEEDY CHILDREN TO BE REMEMBERED XMAS

The underprivileged boys and girls of Alleghany county may have a "Christmas" this year, and plans are being made to see that they are not forgotten.

The local chapter of Save the Children Fund has written national headquarters in New York. (Continued on Page Four)

Season Low Of 18 Plus Monday

Thermometer readings in Sparta and Alleghany county Monday morning showed a season low of 18 degrees as this section had the heaviest frost of the fall.

The cold weather was part of a cold wave experienced in northern states, but the Tuesday morning reading was eight degrees higher than the previous day.

Boy Scouts May Be Reorganized

A Boy Scout troop may be reorganized in Sparta if there are sufficient boys and interest to form the troop, and all boys of scout age have been asked to meet at the Community building here next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The local troop has been inactive since Scoutmaster Tom Haigwood left town, and did have a membership of a dozen boys. The troop is expected to be rechartered with regular meetings.

All boys 12 years of age and above interested in the scout work are asked to be at the meeting Tuesday. Rev. V. W. Sears and James Anderson will meet with the boys to discuss the Scouting program.

Teachers Will Meet Saturday

The Alleghany Teachers association will meet at Sparta high school Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

An open forum discussion will be heard at this meeting on having a 12th year in the schools, according to Superintendent W. C. Thompson.

A series of conferences are being held in the state by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of instructional service of the state department, on the 12th grade idea for North Carolina schools. The opinions of the teachers are being heard, and county school teachers will discuss this "extra-grade" Saturday.

First H. D. Club In This County Formed Tues.

Meeting Today In Sparta And Glade Valley To Organize Saturday.

NEW HOPE IS FIRST

The first home demonstration club to be organized in Alleghany county is the New Hope club, which was formed Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dan Jones by Miss Margaret Lawhorne, home demonstration agent.

A meeting was to be held in the Community building here this Thursday afternoon to organize a Sparta club, and a Glade Valley group will be organized Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. C. Thompson.

Miss Lawhorne said yesterday she hopes to have at least 12 home demonstration clubs in the county. She says the women are appearing enthusiastic in forming the clubs.

Officers of the New Hope club were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Dan Jones; vice president, Mrs. Sue Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Osborne; secretary, Mrs. Bruce Finney, and reporter, Mrs. S. F. Mitchell. Next meeting of this club will be December 10 with Mrs. Byrd McMillan when each member will be expected to bring someone else.

The home demonstration agent is explaining the policies of the extension service and the duties of a home demonstration club at the organization meetings. She is also giving demonstrations such as how to make "grated apple cake" at the New Hope meeting and "Christmas candies" at the Sparta and Glade Valley meetings.

Miss Rose Ellwood Bryan, home demonstration agent at large, was here Tuesday to help in the organization of the work. Miss Bryan said the office has been well organized here. Miss Willie Hunter, clothing specialist of State College, was also here Tuesday for a conference with Miss Lawhorne.

Christmas Seal Sale Next Week

County School Teachers Will Conduct Sale In Communities.

Sale of Christmas seals will begin in the next week in Alleghany county with W. C. Thompson acting as chairman and all school teachers conducting local campaigns.

Proceeds from the seal sales, with the exception of a small amount sent to national Tuberculosis association headquarters, is used locally for the prevention of tuberculosis. Mr. Thompson is president of the local association and the Rev. R. L. Berry is treasurer.

This is the 35th annual sale in North Carolina, and Governor J. Melville Broughton has issued a proclamation urging support of this appeal.

The teachers will conduct the sale of the seals in each community, Mr. Thompson said.

The grape acreage of California is larger in area than the New England states combined.

HOME AGENT



MISS M. LAWHORNE, new home demonstration agent for Alleghany county, is now organizing demonstration clubs in the county. She said this week that 12 clubs will probably be formed.

Prospector In County Thinks Minerals Here

Has Ore That May Be Tin And Another Containing Chromium.

B. H. Williams, of Peden, has been prospecting in Alleghany county several years and believes important minerals can be found in this section.

After prospecting in the West for about fifteen years, Mr. Williams came back to his native county in 1923 to farm. But in his spare time he has searched for hard rock minerals in Alleghany and Ashe counties.

The prospector now believes he has found two deposits of hard rock minerals that may be worth mining. Samples of his findings are being sent to Washington to a mineralogist.

One of these, he thinks, is tin ore. A sample of the rock was sent to a laboratory in Oklahoma City a few years ago and a test showed the rock contained tin but the laboratory thought the sample was the hanging wall instead of the ore itself. Mr. Williams says there is a large deposit of this rock which is possibly tin ore, and it could be easily mined.

Another sample is thought to be chrome ore by Mr. Williams. A test of this rock has shown it to contain chrome, silver, gold and osmium, with only a small percentage of each, Mr. Williams said. He describes the rock as being a "volcanic quartz," heavy with minerals.

The rock thought to be tin ore is of copper red color, which flakes into tiny mica-like dust, and clings to a granite type rock. The possible chrome ore is a heavy, greyish rock, having silver and red streaks.

OYSTER SUPPER TO BE SERVED THIS FRIDAY

An oyster supper will be served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Community building this Friday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock.

The public is being invited, and turkey will also be served.

County Farmers Make Ready To Sell Tobacco Next Week

With the opening of the Mountain Burley tobacco warehouses in Boone scheduled for next Wednesday morning, Alleghany tobacco growers are now making plans to sell their fine crop of the golden-brown weed and are looking forward to receiving high prices.

No definite indication has been given as to just what prices will be paid this season for Burley tobacco, but it is expected that they will exceed the \$19 average of last year. The averages paid this fall to flue-cured growers ranged from 22 to 32 cents per pound on the various markets.

"No, I can't tell just what the prices will be this time, but I know they will be good," Roscoe Coleman, of Tabor City, an experienced warehouseman who is in charge of the two houses in Boone, stated while in town a few days ago. The Boone market, which was established in 1939, has enjoyed two successful seasons and this year is expecting to have a banner year. The houses are now open to receive tobacco. A full set of buyers will be on duty each day and every accommodation is being planned for the farmers. For the first time, tobacco will be graded by federal government graders and those selling tobacco will be furnished with daily and weekly market reports showing average prices by grades. With (Continued on Page 4)

Section In This State And Parks Most Popular

Entrance Point Between Sparta and Roaring Gap Also Most Popular.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Nearly a million persons visited the Blue Ridge Parkway during the past year, which was an increase of about thirty per cent over the 750,000 visitors estimated in 1940, officials of the National Park Service announced this week.

The total number of Parkway visitors for 1941, covering the twelve months period ending Sept. 30, is approximately 965,000 and of this number around 517,000 persons in 161,911 cars traveled the 140-mile paved section of the Parkway between Roanoke and Deep Gap, near Blowing Rock.

Nearly 25 per cent of the cars actually counted bore tags other than Virginia and North Carolina which indicates that a majority of the travel on the Parkway was done by people living in the Carolinas or Virginia.

The North Carolina route 21 near Sparta and Roaring Gap, was the most popular entrance point, the Park service figures show. At this point, nearly 103,000 visitors were checked. "The largest part of this county originated from the vicinity of Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Greensboro," the official report states.

Adney Gap, near Roanoke, the present northern terminus of the paved Parkway, was the second most popular entrance point. "Neither of these entrance points, however, had the highest entry for a single day," it is stated. "This record was set at North Carolina route 18, near Cumberland Knob, where 2,756 visitors entered the Parkway on Sunday, July 27."

The recreational park areas (Continued on Page Four)

Roll Call Is To End This Week

Drive Total Is \$112 With Four Workers Still Not Reported.

This is the last week of the annual Red Cross roll call and workers in Alleghany county have reported \$119.95 being collected in the membership drive, Chairman Ernest Edwards said yesterday. Four workers are still unreported, Mr. Edwards said, and the final total may reach the \$165 amount raised last year. Alleghany county had been assigned a quota of \$400 this year.

The following have joined the Red Cross in the past week:

Wayne Spicer, Arol Choate, Miss Ola Collins, Miss Pauline Osborne, Laura B. Rutherford, Nannie Williams, Tom Parsons, Rev. R. L. Berry, Mrs. Ed Rizott, Manuel Vales, Jose McRey, Rex Mitchell, Arza Richardson, Mrs. Mary Vaughn, Gwyn Foster, Geo. E. West.

Mrs. Rush Thompson, C. W. Ervin, R. C. Gentry, Miss Mada McCutcheon, F. A. Stoker, Miss Susan Inscow, Mrs. W. C. Thompson, W. C. Thompson, Mrs. Page Thompson, Claude Holloway, E. B. Eldridge, E. L. Wagoner, Lon Mac Reeves, C. C. Castevens, Wayne Waddell, Porter Lumber company, and Lillie Ervin.

JGE GISH

HEAR TELL OF ANGUS MAC SANDY IS DUGG'D WITH HIS 1932 AUTO IN THE WASHING WASHER IN HIS TIRE SHOP. MORE OUT THERE. ALL READY.