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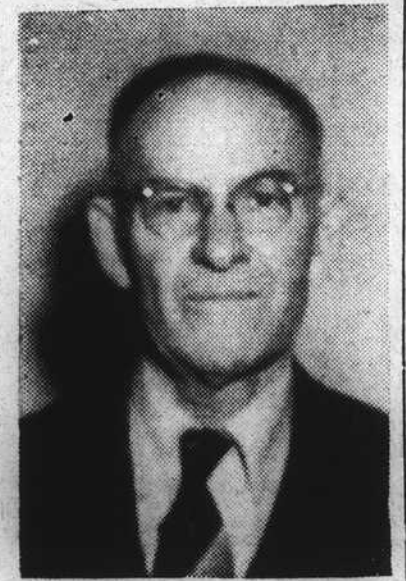
People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer

REV. C. R. ALLISON

Here's a newcomer to Alleghany county, but he is pastor to five Methodist churches in Alleghany and two in Grayson county across the Virginia line.

Mr. Allison began his ministry as a Methodist circuit rider, and having seven churches on a circuit is no new experience to him.



roads were impassable. Traveling a circuit in those days was difficult. While serving his first pastorate at Unionville in the conference in 1910 Mr. Allison remembers that everyone walked to church except one man, who always rode a mule.

Free Eye Clinic Is To Be Held Here On Dec. 12

Children to Be Examined By Dr. Martin at Health Office.

Plans are now being perfected for the free eye clinic for Ashe county to be held next Friday, Dec. 12, in the offices of the county health department in the Community building here.

The clinic is being held under the sponsorship of the county health and welfare departments together with state aid to the blind group.

Dr. Lester Martin, of Mocksville, will be in charge of the clinic and it is estimated that, provided that preparatory examinations are made, as many as twenty patients can be handled for complete examinations on Friday.

Letters have been sent out to teachers and other groups in the county asking their cooperation in making the clinic a success.

Free Tickets To Theatre Offered

You certainly will want to read every ad in this "Christmas Shopping Edition" because you may receive a free gift award.

These advertisements will not only help you solve your gift problems while saving you money on specials, but by reading them you may also find your name included somewhere in the ad. If you do, you will be entitled to receive a free ticket to the Spartan theatre.

Read all ads and when you discover your name, send or bring the advertisement to The News office and get your free ticket.

The names have been chosen by drawing from the mailing list of this newspaper. The tickets must be called for and used before the New Year.

NYA Sewing Project In Sparta



Busily producing garments which will be used in a hospital are girls employed on the NYA sewing project in Sparta. They might well be considered a part of the national defense preparedness program, and they work with a sign on the wall reading, "We the people... Arm For Defense."

Hundreds Of Garments Are Made By NYA Girls Here

Lone NYA Project in County Now Been in Operation For Two Years.

The one NYA project in Alleghany county will continue, although a curtailment has been made in the NYA program in North Carolina, and at the present time 24 girls employed on the sewing production project in Sparta have a thousand yards of material with which to make ward dresses for a Morganton hospital.

The NYA homemaking office has been here for two years with Mrs. Clennel Richardson as project supervisor. During that time the girls have made hundreds of garments for various type uses. For instance, there have been bathrobes for a health department, mending of clothing for CCC camps, comforts for FSA mattress ticks for AAA, and so on.

The girls, whose ages are from 16 to 25, learn to sew by hand as well as with machines. They never know what type of garment will be made when they finish with one lot.

Only 12 work at one time, as they are divided into two shifts. Each girl works 80 hours during the month. The NYA sewing room seems to do most anything asked of them, because they do work for the welfare department, health department, and county commissioners. Clothing has been received from Save the Children Fund, and the girls will repair these clothes before they are distributed to children of needy families in the county.

The curtailment of NYA projects is not likely to affect the local project according to a statement from state administrator John A. Lang. The location of the area office may be changed, however. (Continued on Page 4)

County Farmer Has Grown Burley Tobacco 18 Years

The first farmer to grow tobacco in Alleghany county is H. M. Delp, of the Turkey Knob community, who planted only a tenth of an acre of the burley leaf on his place about 18 years ago.

Mr. Delp more than proved tobacco can be grown successfully in this county, and he is still a grower. This year he produced 2,600 pounds of the golden leaf, which was recently sold.

Only two and a tenth acres are allotted for tobacco at the Delp farm, but this crop is among several that make Mr. Delp a diversified farmer. There is wheat, corn, apples, cows, hogs, turkeys, and garden vegetables.

On slightly more than two acres, the Turkey Knob farmer

Needy Families Not Overlooked This Christmas

All Have Opportunity to Make Contributions to Gift Fund.

The less fortunate children of Alleghany county want Santa Claus to visit them and they will not be forgotten this year. Everyone has an opportunity to help them get a thrill by contributing to the "Christmas Cheer Fund" sponsored by The Alleghany News.

Prepare now to send clothing, old toys, food, fruit, candies, or money to the office of this newspaper if you want to do your part in helping little tots have a Christmas who might be forgotten. You'll gladden their hearts and find your own heart gladdened as well, because you will have the true spirit of Christmas by helping others.

The welfare department will assist in placing the Christmas baskets in needy homes of this county. But just in case no one will be overlooked who might not have Christmas gifts except by a visit from this community's Santa Claus, you are being asked to tell this newspaper of any underprivileged family you think might need assistance in observing Christmas.

Everyone is asked to contribute something, be it small or large. Your part will help swell the fund, and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Won't you send in your contribution today?

Xmas Seals On Sale In County

4,300 Distributed and Seals Will Be Sold Here Saturday.

The sale of Christmas seals began this week in Alleghany county and Chairman W. C. Thompson said probably more than the 6,000 seals assigned this county could be sold between now and Christmas.

"Buy Christmas seals; protect your home from tuberculosis," is the slogan of the tuberculosis association which each year obtains funds for local and national work by sale of the seals. Of the total amount raised, 50 per cent will remain in this county.

The teachers of the county's schools received 4,300 of the seals at their meeting last Saturday in Sparta, and only 1,700 remain to be distributed, Mr. Thompson said. The seals will be sold in the business section of Sparta this Saturday, according to the chairman.

The seals are of colorful design this year, with a lighthouse scene in mostly blue shades, and the red emblem of the tuberculosis association.

Rainfall Breaks Threat Of Fires

The heaviest rainfall in several months has broken a serious threat of forest fires in Alleghany county as Fire Warden Dick Gentry had warned hunters the first of this week to be careful when in woods.

The county's most recent forest fire burned over 30 acres between Sparta and Glade Valley, and Mr. Gentry said he believed it was caused by carelessness of hunters. The fire caught on the Carson boundary on Friday and was not extinguished until Sunday.

Although rain has temporarily broken the threat of woods fires, Warden Gentry urges all persons making camp fires and smoking to be careful when the woods are dry.

REORGANIZATION OF BOY SCOUTS PLANNED

The first meeting to reorganize the Boy Scout troop in Sparta was held in the Community building Tuesday night and the next meeting was planned for Friday evening, Dec. 12.

Arrives In Sparta This Saturday



Santa Claus, the idol of millions of children, will arrive in Sparta Saturday to spend the day talking to the little tots and visiting the stores. He will be happy to see his many young friends and will give them candy!

Colorful Street Lights Are To Be Turned On Here Friday

Window Contest Being Sponsored

The Alleghany News is again sponsoring a window display and outside store decoration contest this Christmas season among the merchants and business establishments of Sparta.

The first prize award is \$2 cash and second prize, \$1 cash. Impartial judges will be chosen and winners announced December 18. Come to town and see the Christmas windows. See if you can choose the same winner as the judges.

\$218 Is Total For Red Cross Call

Ennice and Laurel Springs Communities Up Sum By Large Reports.

Late reports in the Red Cross roll call have upped the drive total to \$218.65 in Alleghany county, according to Chairman Ernest Edwards, with possibility of the final figure being higher as a few workers are still unreported.

Ennice and Laurel Springs communities turned in large amounts this week to raise the campaign sum, Mr. Edwards said. Ennice reported \$58 for the most members in a county community.

Joining the Red Cross recently included: Mrs. T. L. Grayson, Pete Redolfi, Albert Redolfi, Emory Edwards, Elmer Edwards, Mrs. Emory Edwards, Carl Irwin. (Continued on Page Four)

First Time Streets of Sparta Decorated for Festive Season.

Colorful Christmas street lights will be turned on in Sparta this Friday night and together with laurel roping will decorate this town's business section for the festive Christmas season.

The lights and decorations are made possible here for the first time through the cooperation of merchants and other public-spirited persons whose names will be published next week. The Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation has generously cooperated by putting up the lights and laurel.

Three strands of the gay lights have been strung over the main street at intervals and attached to the power poles of the Blue Ridge corporation. The laurel roping and wreaths will be in place by Friday night and effectively arranged on the sides of the street.

The town will have a "new face" for Santa Claus when he arrives this year and he will find Sparta more than keeping pace with the other towns of this state. With the foresight that characterizes Sparta as one of the very best places in the Northwest section in which to trade, the merchants are ready in a big way for the Christmas shopping crowds that will throng the local business section from now until Saint Nicholas makes his real visit to homes hereabouts.

The people of Alleghany county, as well as this entire section, are invited to Sparta to see the lights and windows, as well as to do their Christmas shopping here.

Sparta Streets And Stores Now Gaily Decorated

Santa to Be Here All Day Saturday, Greeting Children and Giving Candy.

THOUSANDS OF GIFTS

Thousands of people are expected here tomorrow and Saturday when the Christmas shopping season for Sparta and Alleghany county will be officially opened with the arrival of Santa Claus.

A large assortment of gift merchandise will go on sale at money saving prices. Windows will be decorated and street decorations including colored lights and evergreen, emphasizing the holiday motif, will be shown.

Santa will arrive Saturday and be here visiting the various stores and shaking hands with the children and asking what they want for Christmas. Every child in this county and nearby sections is cordially invited by the merchants to be here on Friday and Saturday and see Santa.

The progressive local merchants are featuring hundreds of values in practical as well as gift merchandise which should convince everyone that they should trade at home. In many cases merchants will not be able to reorder merchandise this year because of limited supplies and for this reason people are urged to shop early while stocks are complete.

Today The Alleghany News issues its official Christmas shopping edition ushering in the shopping season here. Throughout the paper will be found hundreds of advertised values which are proof that Sparta is the place to shop. It is also predicted that more than ever people will turn to practical gifts this year.

Crouse Appointed Dairy Specialist In This Section

Native of Alleghany County Resigns Position as Yancey Farm Agent.

R. H. Crouse, Yancey county farm agent and a native of Alleghany county, has been named dairy specialist in Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, it was learned this week.

Crouse has tendered his resignation as farm agent, a position which he has held for the past two years, and will start work in the three counties here the first of the year.

Dairy extension work in this section was started last July by J. P. Leagans, who spent two months making a complete study of plans and possibilities for expansion of the industry in the three counties.

The new specialist is the son of T. L. Crouse, of Sparta. He is a graduate of Sparta high school and of State college. In 1936 he went to Yancey as assistant farm agent and became acting agent in August, 1939.

His work in that county has been outstanding and he is expected to do a good job here in his larger field of activity.

British Are Given Setback In Libya; Winter Aids Russians

The British imperial army of Northern Libya, reinforced, continued to encircle the axis forces under Erwin Rommel, in spite of the furious attacks of the Nazis' tank forces.

On the Russian front winter is marshalling its forces to aid the Moscow defenders.

Although the British lost Rezegh itself and the nearby settlement of Bir El Hamed in the process, the break-through was effected only on a narrow sector, the German 15th joining hands with the 21st about Zaaran, six miles northeast of Rezegh.

A British spokesman, terming it only a local victory, declared that the confidence of the imperial forces had been in no way impaired.

Red army reports tell of a German repulse in the Tula area, southeast of Moscow, with Nazi invaders ousted from numerous villages and retreating through heavy snow, drifting before a shrill and biting wind. Two hundred miles and more to the north the upper Volga and its tributaries are already ice bound, yet not deeply enough frozen to carry the weight of Nazi tanks, heavy guns, and motor transports.

Heavy snowfalls are due soon all the way from the northern rim of the Ukraine battle front to Leningrad. Should the reported drifting fall just southward of Moscow herald the onset of a typical mid-December snow deluge. (Continued on Page Four)

JOE GISH cartoon with text: 'OL' FRED THERE, ALLUS SAYS HIS CONSCIENCE IS HIS GUIDE... NEBBIE THATS WHY HE CALLS HIS WIFE 'CONNY' FR' ENICE'