The Alleghany News

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THREE DESCENTS

FOUR GENERATIONS are

Yule Lights By

Donations of Business Men

Make Possible Decora-

tions.

can be used from year to year.

Of the total amount for decora-

of laurel roping, which was strung

The business men also made

possible Santa Claus coming to

three bands of lights.

and all.

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\$1.00 a Year in Alleghany County

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

Ohistmentings!

\$1.50 a Year Out of County

club. Let's go after them!

office building and a civic

THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1941

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany By Staff Writer



A childlike faith makes Santa Claus possible. And this "real" personality is the most popular individual in the world.

Of course there is a Santa Claus! The New York Sun editorially described him in 1897 in reply to a little girl's letter asking if there was a Santa. "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist," said

Santa, then, would not be where there is no love and thoughts of others. And, too, we find out that he will come in a number of ways if we but know it.

It is more than some gift we could have bought at the corner store that is unwrapped on Christmas day. Inside that holiday paper and stickers may be the heart of some member of the family or a friend. This is something only Santa will bring.

We dine every day, but there is only one Christmas dinner. Let known was those times when the entire family gathered around the entire family gathered around the Christmas table. Santa Claus was Acetylene Gas

Certainly there is something unusual about when strangers bid us be merry . . . when the mails bring many cheery messages instead of the usual drab letters. Isn't this because everyone has caught the spirit made possible by having a Santa Claus?

poetry, love, romance can push by fire extinguishers. aside that curtain and view the picture, the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah . . . in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

Life must have a Santa Claus. For 364 days we can be conscious tion would be known. of business and bombs and the undoubting realities nobody torch when his pants caught on wants-but we must have one fire. In the excitement, it is beday when persons are all conscious of faith and love, which it burned the hose into and thus are Santa Claus.

midst and be dearer to our lit- which increased the flames. tle folks. This year you come finding a world at war. Next year

Dance To Be At Laurel Springs

A square dance will be held at A square dance will be held at leaped high.

The town fire signal sounded Year's eve, December 31, beginning at 8 o'clock.

to Miss Alice Taylor, chairman of the Cranberry township in the divant ambulance.

North Wilkesboro in a Reins-Sturfolks have been too busy to go fray the cost:

hunting," Mr. Gentry said. the Cranberry township in the divant ambulance. drive for funds.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS PROCLAIMED AS "DAY OF PRAYER" IN U. S.

New Year's day has been proclaimed by President Roosevelt as a "day of prayer" and Alleghany civilian defense committee is requesting every minister and every person in the county to co-operate in this timely observance.

"We are confident in our devotion to our country, in our love of freedom, in our inheritance of courage, but our strength, as the strength of all men everywhere, is of greater avail as God upholds us," President Roosevelt stated.

Churchill In U. S.;

Hitler Fires Gen.; **Japs Land Forces**

CAT-DOG STORY



"Bunchy" hasn't had any puppies, but she has adopted kittens. She is the two and a half year old dog owned by R. C. Houser, of Whitehead, and last summer when the mother of kittens died at their birth, "Bunchy" decided to help the little orphans live. She nursed the little tykes and now our memories go back a moment and we'll recall that the most exuberant happiness we have ever above with one of the kittens.

Castevens Employee Is Painfully Burned In Accident.

Harrison Fenley, colored em-ployee of the Castevens Motor "There is a veil covering the company, received serious burns unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest as his clothing cause from a his clothing cause is considered. men that ever lived, could tear acetylene gas ignited to cause apart," wrote the editorial writer what would have been a damagin the Sun. "Only faith, fancy, ing fire had it not been quenched

> and it would be two or three days before the outcome of his condi

Fenley was using the acetylene lieved he dropped the torch and caused flames to spread rapidly. We welcome you Santa. May In the excitement, he also knocked you ever continue to come to our over a bucket of paint primer

His clothes afire, Fenley ran through the garage and other emthe hope is it will be a Christmas ployes caught him to extinguish of peace. But we will look for the flames which were enveloping him. Except for fire extinguishers, he might have been burned to death and serious damage done to the Castevens build- Few Hunters Are

For War Relief ing.

Fenley was working in the body works shed that adjoins the garage when the accident occurred. The flare of the acetylene ignit-

and volunteer firemen rushed to the scene of the fire, but employ-All proceeds from this dance es of the company had already will be turned over to the Red quelled the flames with the ex- may account for few hunters be-Cross war relief fund, according tinguishers. Fenley was rushed to ing seen, he pointed out. "Most

Knox Says U. S. Successful Against Subs; British Victorious in Libya.

Hitler assuming command of his armies and Prime Minister Churchill's arrival in Washington for a parley with Roosevelt were the two biggest highlights of the war during the past week, because of their far-reaching consequences.

The Russians reported continued success on the Moscow front as did the British in Libya. And fighting in the Pacific speeded up with the Japanese making every effort to capture Hongkong and Malaya and to gain a foothold near Manila.

Monday, a heavy force of Japanese sea-borne troops, supported by airplanes, landed at Santo Tomas, northwest of Manila, but Gen. Douglas McArthur reported that the Americans had the situation well in hand.

Axis subs, mostly Japanese, have been thick off of the California coast for the past few days, but have done little damage, according to official reports. Secretary Knox reported this week that the U.S. Navy had been successful in bagging at least 14 subs and probably damaged several

Reports from the Netherlands show that during the past few days their forces have sunk three more Japanese troop ships off of Borneo. This brings the total to Catches Afire U. S. and Dutch forces have sunk 13 Japanese transports which the so far, in the Far East.

Italian papers are admitting that the victory of the British in Libya may be a decisive turning point in Italy's part of the war since she has engaged practically all of her forces here and "on their fate depends the fate of is holding his great-grandson,
In Germany serious trouble and Randolph Owens, who is the sen

speculation arose over the fact of Mrs. Jesse Owens, (right) of that this week Adolf Hitler cast aside Field Marshal General Walter von Brauchitsch, commander- Whitehead. in-chief of the army and had assumed command himself. Many point out that it is a definite inorganization or a definite admit-(Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Thompson To Head Drive

Mrs. Alton Thompson has been named chairman of the Infantile Paralysis campaign in Alleghany county and will have charge of the President's Birthday ball to be held here the latter part of February.

Mrs. Thompson said yesterday ball would be given in February and plans are being made for the poliomyelitis fund.

Seen In County across the street between the

Few hunters have been seen in ed paint thinner and flames Alleghany county in recent weeks, according to Dick Gentry, game warden.

Mr. Gentry said many men have been seen digging burls and cutting extract wood, and this

Congressman and Mrs. R. L. Congressman Doughton Says Our First Duty To Win War Turkey Market

The following communication | I belong to that school of faith has been received by this newspaper from Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The following communication that is school of the conformal that develops only in a Democracy—the faith that comes from the conviction that it is not the first blow that really counts, but the last blow. In a Democracy we My conception of duty to our county in this hour of world criverses, but in the long view when 1-30,000,000 Americans gather mo-Our first duty is to win the mentum and militant determina-

Our first duty is to win the war. This takes precedence over everything and everybody. And that we will win, I have not the slightest doubt.

We are in no way responsible for this war. Both the President and the Congress strove for and hoped for peace to the last mindoped for peace in no way responsible to the peace of the nation as a whole, and take care to preserve in

B. & T. Drug Co., \$10; Belk's
Dept. store, \$7.50; Smithey's store,
\$5; Cash & Carry, \$5; Western
(Continued on Page Four) Is Again Good Turkey farmers received the same price for fowls in Christmas shipments last week-end as they received at the Thanksgivbuyers, and approximately the shipped north to grace Christmas

Christmas Is Expected To Be Quietly Observed Here

All Stores, Banks, County And Old Man Winter City Offices to Be Closed On Thursday.

In spite of unsettled world-wide conditions, Christmas is expected to be observed here in the usual manner, with the event probably being considered a little more serious than usual.

This note will be expressed in gifts in many cases as those of this nature have been popular this season. Merchants are all reporting an unusually good business and will be closed all day in commemoration of the 1941st birthday of Christ.

Santa Claus is due to make his annual arrival in the morning, shown in the picture above, which and late gifts are being purchased was made when they were recent- at local stores. All business firms ly together at the home of E. T.
Hamm at Whitehead. Mr. Hamm Christmas day, however Christmas day, however.

windows opened in the morning and afternoon after mails are put up in order that packages might be handed out, acting postmaster Sam Brown said.

until Monday.

County offices in the courthouse the Red Cross war relief fund. will be closed only for Christmas

The school children will have The gay street lights that have decorated Sparta for the Christmas season were made possible by lic schools reopen after being those attending the meeting.
closed since December 18.

A square dance with all rece the business and professional men of the town, and many favorable

A number of soldiers are enjoycomments have been heard about ing visits with their parents in the county and dinners and un-The Christmas decorations for the town cost \$74.92, but the as well as a number of college as well as a number of college lights are now owned by the Mer- students who home for the holichants under the name of the Sparta Merchants association and

Most of the merchants reported unusually good business throughout the holiday shopping season tions, \$18 was used for purchasing here.

CCC Boys Join

Sparta the three Saturdays preceding Christmas, when the idol The CCC camp in Alleghany of children gave candy to each to the roll call of the Red Cross, are: Cherry Lane, W. C. Thomp The entire expenses incurred by the merchants during the Christmas season were \$84.47, and

the following contributed to de-

Winter arrived on Sunday night at 11:45 p. m. and Mon-day was the first day of the new season, but it seemed like

Arrives Monday

any other day to most folks. The thermometer reading early Monday morning was 36 degrees, which has been about the average for this month. The skies were being watched for possible snow clouds to cause a White Christmas, but rain came instead.

Plans Mapped To Raise \$750

The post office here will have Red Cross War Relief Drive Is Underway; Dance Saturday.

Every section of Alleghany The Northwestern bank will be county was represented at the closed Thursday and Friday in ob- mass meeting in the Community Mrs. Mexa Phipps, Mrs. Carrie servance of the holiday, officials building last Thursday evening Jones, Wayne Waddell, Mrs. C. A. Contributions said. Other offices may be closed for a two-day period, while the health department will be closed chapter, to make plans for raising \$750 as this county's part of

> Talks were made by several present on the value of the Red Cross with the nation in war, and their holidays come to an end approximately \$140 was contrinext Tuesday when Sparta pub- buted in cash and pledges by

going to the war relief fund will be given Saturday evening, December 27, in the Community building here, co-sponsored by the Sparta Woman's club and the local Legion post. Dancing will begin at 8:30 with music by Paul Miles and his band.

Plans were made at the meeting last Thursday to raise the \$750, and workers will be named in each of the seven townships of the county to solicit every person. The chairman of the town-Red Cross Here ship groups will name the workers in their section.

Township chairmen named by county this week turned in \$12.20 those attending the mass meeting and the total sum is now \$262.85, according to Chairman Ernest Edwards.

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The itineraries of the tax listers in the seven townships of Alleghany county are given on page two of this issue, and all property owners and taxpayers on 1942 taxes.

Registration Of Men From 18 To 64 Ordered; 19 To 44 Group Is Subject To Draft or.

Plans are now being made in Washington to hold registration throughout the nation of the 23,-500,000 men, from age 18 to 64, inclusive, who are not already Although though the Solution way for a 4,000,000-man army.

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Service Act. Last Friday Congress passed the giving was 20.5 cents per pound, new draft bill, requiring all men and this probably was true last of these ages to register and mak-

ing those from 20 to 44, inclusive, subject to military service.

Several weeks will probably be needed to complete plans for conducting this registration.

Added to the 17,500,000 who are already registered, this will give the nation a total of 41,000,000

possible a 4,000,000-man army, there is no way of telling whether that many men will ever be called to colors.

Both Houses speedily agreed to compromise amendment of rea compromise amendment of requiring the age 20 group to register. War officials said this would make a total of 2,215,000 men available in the next few months in addition to the 1,800,000 now in uniform. This includes (Continued on Page Four)

Cheer Boxes Go To 28 Families In This County

Donations Make Possible Christmas Gifts For 91 Needy Kids.

CITIZENS GENEROUS

Christmas boxes have gone into 28 needy homes and 91 underprivileged children have received gifts through the "Christmas Cheer Fund" sponsored by The Alleghany News.

The boxes were arranged with toys made possible by the Save the Children Fund and local contributions, while clothing had also been donated to the Christmas Fund. All cash contributed to the Cheer Fund was converted into groceries and edibles of Christmas time.

Six dozen oranges, 13 pounds of candy, 10 pounds of assorted nuts, three dozen tangerines, five pounds of sugar, three dozen bananas, rice and oatmeal were some of the supplies divided among the 28 boxes going to needy homes of this county.

The families to whom the Cheer boxes were sent are scattered over Alleghany county, as the most needy of each section received a box. Some of the families lived in almost inaccessible places, but boxes were delivered as near as possible to the homes.

The people of Sparta and Alleghany county were most generous in contributing to the Christmas Cheer Fund this year, and made possible the giving of nicer boxes than heretofore. The shipment of toys from the S. C. F. in New York greatly increased the number of children who received

These 28 underprivileged famlies would have had nothing for Christmas except for the generosity of other citizens in this county.

Assisting in packing the boxes were Miss Lillie Ervin Miss Enla Parsons, Miss Rosamond Reeves and Mrs. Clennel Richardson.

The public welfare department greatly aided the News' Cheer Fund, and individuals making contributions included W. C Thompson, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, ed gift goxes for 38 families to which she is sending Christmas packages. Each Christmas, Mrs. Hardin prepares many boxes and sees that needy families are remembered with gifts.

A square dance with all receipts Names Of Boys Called Not To Be Given Out

Quotas and calls of the local Selective Service board will be censored, according to Mrs. Robert Gambill, clerk of the board.

Mrs. Gambill said yesterday she had received notices not to release the number called or names of the boys called, as has been the custom heretofore to be published in local newspapers.

Itinerary Given Of Tax Listers

property owners and taxpayers can make returns on 1942 taxes at the places and times named.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the time of listing of property, according to Ca-bell Wilson, county tax supervis-

Belongings Are **Lost In Flames**

Christmas isn't going to be the same as usual with the M. J. Thompkins family in the Ennice section. Their home