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## Four Men Killed On Blue Ridge Parkway Monday

### To Register Men 20 To 45 February 16; 750 In Alleghany

Registration Will Be Held By Draft Board in Court-house in One Day.  
ESTIMATES GIVEN

Registration of all men between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, who are not already registered under the Selective Service Act, will be conducted by draft board officials in Alleghany county and throughout the nation on Monday, February 16, according to President Roosevelt's proclamation.

Officials estimate that there are between 600 and 80 men in Ashe county who will be required to register at that time for possible military service. A total of 880 men were registered in the county under the first registration and 62 last July.

Washington officials estimate that 1,300,000 men would be made immediately available for armed service by this third registration. Of the 20-year-olds, it is estimated that 600,000 of them will be available; 21-year-olds who have reached that age since the last registration, 300,000 and 36 to 44, 400,000.

With over 1,800,000 now in the army, the new registration will place the nation in position to put over 4,000,000 men under arms without calling any classes under A-1. No mention has been made yet of registering those from 45 to 64, inclusive.

Local draft board officials state that registration will be conducted in the courtroom on February 16.

### 1-H Men To Be Reclassified

Notices Sent Out By Local Selective Service Board To Men

Notices have been sent to all registrants in class 1-H with the local Selective Service board that they are to be reclassified because of age limit of selectees being raised from 27 to 44 years old.

All men between 28 to 35, inclusive, at the first registration in 1940, and who were placed in 1-H because of their age, are to be reclassified as available for duty unless physical examinations reveal them as unfit.

This reclassification of 1-H registrants is expected to make several men available in class 1-A.

### Joines Writes Safe In Hawaii

Reece L. Joines, who has been in the Navy for seven years, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Joines, of Whitehead, he is safe and unharmed in Hawaii after the bombing attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Alleghany county Middle reported the ship he was on took a toll on the Jap bombers which flew over unexpectedly. Reece wrote his ship winged one of the first bombers to fly over, and the aircraft carrier on which he is stationed received but little damage in the mele.

**Quotable Quotation**  
"This snow hasn't been good for making snow ice cream."—Miss Ola Collins.

### SATURDAY EVENING POST TO CARRY ARTICLE NEXT WEEK ON BOB DOUGHTON

The January 17th issue of The Saturday Evening Post, which goes on sale next Tuesday, will carry a fine article on Congressman R. L. Doughton, this paper learned yesterday.

It is understood that the article is a splendid tribute to the veteran Congressman and that it contains a good deal of local color and many local incidents.

News stands are requested to order an extra supply of the magazine.

### Defense Meets Set In County For Next Week

Land-Use Planting Committees Will Be Named At Community Meetings

Phases of the national defense program will be discussed and various committees organized at a series of meetings on defense work in Alleghany county next week, according to R. E. Black, county agent.

January 12—Stratford, Richardson's store at 2:30 p. m. with L. K. Boyer, leader. Sparta, county agent's office at 7 p. m. with H. H. Higgins, leader.

January 13—Piney Creek school house at 2:30, Mr. Boyer as leader. Blevins Crossroads at 2:30, Robert Fleetwood, leader. Laurel Springs at 7:00, Mr. Fleetwood, leader.

January 14, Cabel Wilson residence at 2:30, W. O. Hooper, leader.

January 15—Glade Valley at 2:30, Mr. Hooper, leader. New Hope at 2:30, R. E. Black, leader.

January 16—Cherry Lane at 10 a. m., Mr. Black, leader, Rich Hill school at 2:30, Mr. Black, leader.

Mr. Black said he would be at each meeting in the county.

### Polio Drive Be On In January

President Roosevelt will be sixty years old January 30 and for the ninth consecutive year he has given use of his birthday for the nation-wide fight against infantile paralysis.

Mrs. Alton Thompson as chairman of the Birthday Celebration is perfecting an organization to raise funds in this county with which to fight infantile paralysis.

The Patrolman explained he could do nothing without a warrant. Magistrate Brown was awakened. He wrote a warrant. Before the warrant was served, however, the accuser decided he would not want the two boys of

### As Japs Saw Manila Target



This striking aerial view of Manila was made from an altitude comparable to that at which bombers operate. In flat defiance of international law the Japs bombed Manila after it had been declared "open" or undefended city. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of U. S. forces in the Philippines, has called for retaliatory measures against the Japanese "at the proper time."

## Defense Bond, Stamp Sales Increase Here

### Bond Sales Increase To \$3,862 In Sparta For Month Of December

December Defense bond and stamp sales were greatly increased over previous months at the Sparta post office, according to acting postmaster Sam Brown, who reported a total of \$3,862.50 in bond sales for the past month.

A total of \$80 in saving stamps were also sold through the local post office. At the same time, the postal receipts here were setting a record in the last quarter of the year.

The postal receipts for the quarter were \$1,736.08, Mr. Brown said, or approximately \$300 more than the same period of last year. Money orders amounted to \$10,347.36, compared to the 1940 report of \$7,113.81. There were 913 money orders at the Sparta office in the last three months of the year, according to the postmaster.

Other post offices in the county were also experiencing an increase in the latter part of 1941. The Whitehead post office reported sale of defense stamps in December quadrupling the previous month, and quarterly receipts were \$2,343.90 compared with \$1,906.23 in 1940, according to Mrs. Ethelyn Richardson, postmaster.

Peak day of bond sales in Sparta was Christmas eve, when \$1,500 in bonds was sold December 24. However, other days have been good and Mr. Brown said \$712.50 were sold last Saturday.

The bonds sold here have amounted as follows: \$1,000, three; \$500, two; \$100, four; \$50, six, and \$25, eighteen.

Mr. Brown said yesterday the sale of stamps could have been even greater than the December total reported, but the supply of

### "LAURELS" TO Mail Carriers

Bad weather or good, the mail goes through, and for the men who make it possible goes "Laurels of the Week."

The mail carriers not only did a good job of moving a record Christmas mail, but make daily rounds over the snow-covered rural roads.

### '41 Was Biggest Year In History N'western Bank

During 1941 the Northwestern Bank, which has a bank in Sparta and in eight other towns in this section of the state, enjoyed the best business of any year since its establishment, a comparison of annual statements reveals.

At the close of business on December 31, 1941, the total resources amounted to \$6,377,476.19, a gain of \$1,129,927.78 over the 1940 annual statement.

Most of this increase was reflected in deposits which jumped from \$4,740,716.17 to \$5,782,270.09 or an increase of \$1,041,553.92.

Edwin Duncan, executive vice president, stated that the average

### Motorists Told Not Pass Buses

Two violators of passing a stopped school bus were brought before Magistrate B. F. Wagoner yesterday morning, and Patrolman Richard Griggs issued a warning to all motorists to observe the law which requires stopping for a school bus.

Patrolman Griggs said approximately 10 cases of passing a stopped bus were heard during the past year, and the average fine has been \$15, although the maximum fine can be \$50 for the offense.

The motorists were warned by the patrolman to not only come to a stop when approaching a bus from the rear, but also when the bus is approached from the front. This applies when the bus is either loading or unloading children.

## America Sets Victory Goal; McArthur Holds Own; Reds Victorious

### Vast Victory Drive Mapped Out By Roosevelt Spreads World-Wide Confidence

President Roosevelt achieved the spotlight in the war this week, for his message to Congress mapping out the victory drive which spread a great wave of confidence throughout the allied nations, more far-reaching than any success or failure on battle lines.

President Roosevelt's disclosure that the American people this year and next were going to cast at the Axis such a vast and terrible cloud, and swarm of weapons as never had been assembled before in all the arsenals on earth.

This was the grand American production objective Mr. Roosevelt outlined to Congress:

In 1942 — 60,000 planes; 45,000 tanks; 20,000 anti-aircraft guns; 8,000,000 tons of merchant shipping.

In 1943 — 125,000 planes; 75,000 tanks; 35,000 anti-aircraft guns; 10,000,000 tons of shipping.

As to American fighting men, he said, they will operate over the face of the world, including the British Isles and the Far East, to beat at the enemy "wherever and whenever we can reach him."

The American Philippine army under McArthur, army appears to be holding its own against odds, treatment is being given to all at Corregidor. In Manila, now occupied by the Japanese harsh white residents of the fallen capital, according to reports.

In Singapore the British defenders opened a series of successful local offensives against an invader who had made considerable earlier progress.

With the one exception of Malaya — and this was qualified — there were on Allied setbacks this week; in general the struggle afield was going well against the three-faced antagonist, for the Germans plainly were being soundly thrashed on a great Russian front alive with Soviet initiative.

### Soil Committee To Meet Jan. 14

The District Supervisors of the New River District will hold the annual meeting Wednesday night, Black's office in the community building here.

Staton McIver, District Conservator, said that the supervisors at their last meeting determined to alternate meetings between Sparta and West Jefferson.

He also said that this meeting was being called to prepare and transmit the annual report of accomplishments to the U. S. Department of Agriculture but that anyone having business with the District Board was invited to attend.

### Babson Estimates 9 Billion Increase In Nation Income

By ROBER BABSON FORECAST FOR 1942  
BABSON PARK, Mass. — As long as World War 11 lasts, the total U. S. production will continue to increase. I estimate an increase in national income of \$9 billions for 1942, thus bringing it up to \$95 billions compared with \$76 billions in 1940 and \$86 billions in 1941. In forecasting this national income for 1942, I am taking into account probable increases in prices and wages. These figures do not mean that more goods will be produced; in fact will show a decline in the real wealth of America.

### DESERTERS FORFEIT CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS

General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, announced today that under the provisions of Federal law (RS 1996 and 1998; Sec. 1, Act of August 22, 1912 (37 Stat. 356) 8 USC 11; 34 USC 1200), all persons who desert the military service in time of war are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship, as well as their rights to become citizens.

Such deserters are forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States or exercising any rights of citizens thereof.

General Metts further stated that, in view of the serious consequences of desertion in time of war, it is to be hoped that all selectees on leave from their organization will not let anything interfere with their reporting back for duty on the day required.

### \$515 Yet To Be Raised For Red Cross War Fund

Solicitors Make First Reports And \$235 Is Amount In County

The Red Cross war relief fund totaled \$235.80 in Alleghany county this week as township workers reported contributions towards the \$750 quota for this county, and officials of the local Red Cross chapter made an urgent appeal for every person to give as liberally as possible to the immediate need of funds with which the Red Cross will aid the armed services of the United States.

One citizen of Sparta said this week, "This money will add to the comfort of boys from right here in Alleghany county who are now serving in the Army, Navy and Marines."

The seven township chairmen are to select workers in their district for the collection of war relief funds. To date, the following contributions have been reported, including \$40.15 from the benefit dance sponsored by the Woman's Club of Sparta and the local Legion post:

R. A. Doughton, \$7.50; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Black, \$7.50; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Burgess, \$7.50; Ralph Evans, 2.00; Hugh Perry, \$2.00; Amon Edwards, \$2.00; Rev. C. B. Kilby, \$5.00; Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Choate, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Duncan, \$6.00; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gambill, \$5.00; Selma Dickson, \$2.50; Albert Richardson, \$3.00; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Thompson. (Continued on Page Four)

### Ten Others Are Injured When Two Cars Crash

Grandmother of One of Victims, Luther Miller, Drops Dead at Funeral.

Four Ashe county people were killed and a score of others injured Monday morning, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, between Glendale and Laurel Springs, in one of the worst traffic accidents in the history of this section.

Luther Miller, 26, was instantly killed; Ulysses Yates, 31, died on the way to the hospital; and the third victim, David C. Smith, died early Tuesday morning from injuries, sustained. All of these men, from near Jefferson, were WPA employees and were enroute to work riding with Andrew South, when South's car met a Parkway truck driven by McKinley Wagoner, in a head-on collision.

Other passengers in the car included Willie Bare and Jim Cox, of Jefferson, who, with South, were seriously injured and were taken to the hospital for treatment. Cox died late Wednesday evening. Plans for the funeral were in complete this morning.

Occupants of the truck who were taken to the hospital and treated for injuries included the driver, McKinley Wagoner, Roscoe Tedder, Hoey Pike, Sam Brown, Paul Hall, Wint Brown and Quincy Wagoner, all of Wilkes county.

The accident occurred around 8 o'clock Monday morning when the group of Ashe men in Andrew South's car were on their way to work on the road project 6103 in the Laurel Springs section. Investigating officials stated that one Parkway service truck had pulled to the side of the road and had stopped in order that the driver could clear the windshield of ice. The truck driven by Wagoner, cut around this parked truck and evidently without seeing the approaching car driven by Andrew South ran head-on into it.

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### Snow, Sub-Zero Weather Arrive

Wintery Blast Shivers County Covered By Two-Inch Snow

Sub-zero weather arrived in Alleghany county this week with thermometer readings reported as low as four below in some places, and the populace in general being hampered by snow-covered rural roads after the season's first snow last Saturday.

The flakes began falling last Saturday about 3 o'clock and subsided after about two inches of snow covered the ground. Warmer weather Sunday morning caused some snow to melt and the remainder turned to ice, which did not disappear before another light snow fell last night.

Water pipes in a few residences were reported as having frozen when the weather was near zero early Tuesday morning. Most automobile owners were prepared for the cold weather with sufficient anti-freeze.

The snow covered all of Northwestern North Carolina and Southwestern Virginia, with as much as five inches reported in some spots.