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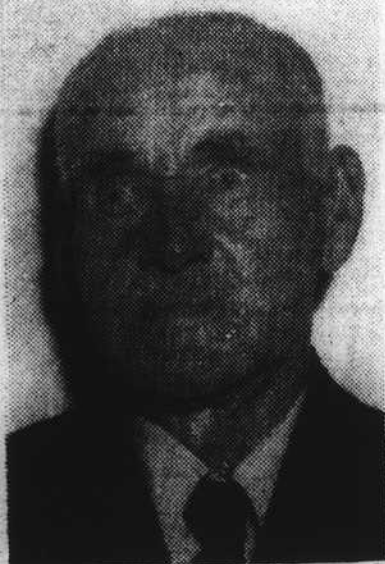
SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

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THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 1942

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By Staff Writer



H. C. CHEEK

Alleghany county was sparsely populated when H. C. Cheek was born six miles southwest of Sparta in 1858. Sparta at that time consisted of one store.

Stratford also had a store, and thus, Stratford and Sparta were the "towns" of this section. There were no mails, no schools, and very few roads. Alleghany county didn't exist.

From this, though, Mr. Cheek has seen this section progress and down the years he has progressed with Alleghany. All his life he has lived on a farm, with the exception of two years working in stores for W. B. Cheek and Fields Hackler & Co. in Stratford.

Married At 23

His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Cheek, and Mr. H. C. worked at home until becoming 23 years old. At that age, he married Miss Caroline Edwards, who was raised not far from the Cheeks.

Henderson Cheek told his son decided on 160 acres which was all in woods with the exception of to choose his land, and Mr. H. C. about 10 acres. On this the young married couple went to work to make their home.

Work was started on clearing some of the land, and there was no market for the wood at that time. As the oak, hickory and chestnut trees were cut, the wood was burned. Many early settlers of the section had to do this because of no lumber market.

Cleared For Pasture

When there was enough pasture to keep stock, Mr. Cheek said he bought cattle, and each year tried to add to his holdings. He was successful enough in this to increase his acreage to the present (Continued on Page Four)

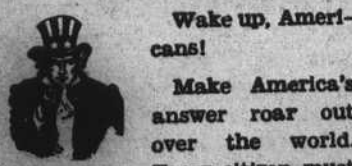
Pipe Works Now Employs Eight; Spends \$1,200

The D. & P. Pipe Works, operated in Sparta by Sam Porter, is now employing eight men and in the first month of operation here has spent more than \$1,200 for burls.

Mr. Porter said Sparta's newest industry would employ more persons and buy more burls if they can. He also said the pipe works has plans to finish the pipe blocks here instead of in Boone if enough burls can be secured.

Employs of the pipe industry are George Ham, Clay Edwards, Walter Brooks, Folger Wagoner, Ford McCann, Glenn White, Johnnie Shumate, and Mr. Porter, manager.

Wake Up, Americans!



Wake up, Americans! Make America's answer roar over the world. Every citizen must back the United States Army and Navy to victory—back them with work and money.

Do your part: Buy United States Defense Bonds and Stamps at your post office, bank, or savings and loan association. Get Defense Stamps at your retail store or from the carrier boy of this newspaper.

Mrs. C. Caudill Passes At Home Near Whitehead

Services Held At Union Church; Was Widow Of Terrell Caudill

Mrs. Caroline Caudill, 78, died at her home near Whitehead Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and funeral services were conducted at the Union church in Whitehead on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Elders. Charlie Kilby and Coy Walker. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Caudill, who was the widow of Terrell Caudill, had been ill only three days. She was reared in the Whitehead section, being the daughter of the late Allen and Nancy Fender. She had been a member of the Union church for many years.

Serving as active pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased, while granddaughters served as flower girls. Honorary pallbearers were R. C. Richardson, Dr. T. R. Burgess, Amos Wagoner, Wayne Spicer, E. L. Wagoner, and Robert Fender.

Surviving Mrs. Caudill are four sons, Shade G. Caudill, of Sparta, Dr. W. C. Caudill, of Pearis, Va., Dr. E. L. Caudill, of Elizabethtown, Tenn., and E. M. Caudill, of Bel Air, Md.; five daughters, Mrs. M. H. Waddell, of Scottville, Mrs. Hiram Edwards, of Sparta, Mrs. W. A. Green, of Forest Hill, Md., Mrs. C. J. Edwards, of Bel Air, Md., and Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, of Whitehead; one sister, Mrs. Emma Spicer, of Trap Hill; two brothers, Isom Fender, of Thurmond, and Tom Fender, of Whitehead.

Inductees To Be Announced

Change In Ruling Allows Newspaper To Name The Boys Going To Camp

The names of the men about to be inducted into military service from this county will be published in The Alleghany News, according to a new ruling this week from Selective Service headquarters.

Mrs. Robert Gambill, clerk of the local board, said that news may be furnished on the names of registrants about to be inducted, and photographs of such registrants may be published. Quotas, calls or orders to report for screening or pre-induction physical examinations will still not be issued to newspapers for publication.

No names of men about to be inducted into service were issued this week. The local board is to meet this Friday and classify registrants. Last classification was made on January 5, when the board met.

The clerk stressed the importance of each registrant notifying the board when there is a change of address. The board has been unable to locate John Robert Edwards, who gave his address as Sparta, since the reclassification of 1-H men.

Two buses of men from Alleghany county went to Winston-Salem last Friday to undergo physical examinations by a traveling medical examining board from Fort Jackson, S. C. For the most part, the men from this county were reported to be in good physical condition.

25-Cent Stamps Much In Demand

No 25-cent defense saving stamp were in the Sparta post office this week, as acting postmaster Sam Brown said this denomination was the most called for of all the saving stamps.

"We haven't been able to keep them lately," Mr. Brown said, "as more calls are made for 25-cent stamps than any other kind." He said 10-cent stamps are the next most popular.

Hunters To Put Away Fire Arms

The hunting season on all protective game is now closed. Game Warden Dick Gentry pointed out this week in asking all hunters to observe the closed season.

Last day of hunting was January 4 and no protected game can be shot until squirrel season opens next September.

Cold Doesn't Freeze Signal

The Sat. noon signal hasn't been frozen the past two Saturdays. Everyone has been so busy talking about the war no one thought about the time and the siren wasn't heard.

Mayor Floyd Crouse, chairman of the defense board, was asked if the siren would only be sounded for air-raid warnings from now on. The mayor thought if this was the case it might never be heard again.

The noon signal will sound this Saturday.

Man Found Be Almost Frozen Near Parkway

Dies In Afternoon After Not Responding; Mother Dies In Morning

Edgar Fortner, 45, of Ennice, died last Thursday afternoon as a result of exposure the night before when he and his brother, Velt, were found near the Scenic Parkway by other members of the family after they were missing at home.

Mrs. Florence Louetta Fortner, 62, mother of the two men, died at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at her home in Ennice from paralysis following two strokes suffered the previous week. She did not know her sons had been found nearly frozen before she died.

A double funeral service was held at the Saddle Mountain church Friday morning at 11 o'clock and was conducted by Claude Bartley and Dan Calloway. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Edgar Fortner could not walk because of his frozen condition when found Thursday morning. He was carried to the home of Mrs. Hillard Smith, where he died about 3:30 in the afternoon.

Velt Fortner was also in serious condition with a frozen foot, but was reported early this week to be recovering. (Continued on Page Four)

Post Office To Take Auto Tax

Use Tax On All Vehicles Is Due February 1; Will Be \$2.00.

The internal revenue bureau announced that the federal auto tax stamps would go on sale at post offices and revenue collectors offices beginning the week of January 12, instead of January 26 as originally announced. The tax was levied at the last session of congress and for a time it appeared that it would be repealed for lack of funds to arrange machinery for collection.

Now, however, the bureau of internal revenue has plans for collecting the tax through the sale of special revenue stamps at local post offices of all classes, including substitutions.

The annual auto use tax is \$5, but the initial payment will amount to \$2.09. A full year's tax will be due July 1, 1942, with the beginning of the new federal fiscal year.

Violations of the law are punishable by a fine of "not more than \$25 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both."

Officials of the Sparta post office said no instructions have been received on collecting the tax.

It is thought the use tax stamp will be of the type for displaying on the window of the car on which the tax is paid.

Tax Lister Be Here Saturday

Cabel M. Wilson, tax lister for the Gap Civil township, said this week he will be at the Register of Deeds' office in the court house here the next three Saturdays in order to complete listing of taxes before penalties are imposed beginning February 1.

Mr. Wilson stated that the tax payers had responded very good to the announced listing days of January 5, 6, 8, and 9, and that those who did not have an opportunity to list on these days may do so on one of the remaining Saturdays of the month.

Library On Wheels In Alleghany



The "Traveling Library" goes into every section of Alleghany county, making possible a continued change of books for rural readers, and shown above is the rear of the bookmobile. The books are on a three-deck circular wheel, which can be revolved for choice of a desired book. Looking at some of the selections are Mrs. Norma Halsey of Sparta, (right) clerk of the bookmobile, and Charlie R. Rash of North Wilkesboro, assistant librarian who drives the bookmobile. Mrs. Halsey says circulation of books read from this truck continues to increase every month. (Staff Photo)

Big Jap Push Fails; Dutch Destroy Oil; Soviets Make Gains

"LAURELS" TO School Kids

An individual cannot be singled out this week for the "Laurels of the Week," because each and every pupil in the Sparta public schools and other schools of the county should receive a Laurel. These kids have taken the Red Cross war relief fund to heart, and have really gone out to do their part in the drive. Sparta high school boosted the fund with a \$109.65 contribution.

Not only are our boys and girls cognizant of the war relief need, but many of them are also cutting down on personal expenditures in order to purchase defense saving stamps. "Laurels" to our youth.

Teague Baby Is Contest Winner

First Child Of 1942 To Get Many Valuable Gifts In Sparta

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Teague, route two, Sparta, are the parents of Alleghany county's first baby of 1942, and to them go many valuable gifts from the merchants and business men of Sparta.

The daughter of the Teague's was born at 4:30 the morning of New Year's day, with Dr. B. O. Choate the attending physician. The little girl arrived only three hours earlier than the child of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brinegar of Laurel Springs.

Bell's will give the baby a wool baby blanket. Smithy's will present her with a knitted baby sweater. Cash & Carry will start her on the right track with six cans of baby food. B & T. has a baby set for the little tyke. To Mr. and Mrs. Teague, the Parkway cafe will give a free meal. To Mr. Teague, a free shave and haircut will be given by Higgins' Barber Shop. The Teagues can get a free wash job on their automobile at the Alleghany Motor company. The Spartan theatre has four free tickets for them. The baby can have a choice for a gold bracelet or locket from the Alleghany Watch company. The Alleghany News is giving Mr. and Mrs. Brinegar a runner-up award of one year's subscription to this newspaper.

Quotable Quotation

"Our citizens have responded wonderfully to the Red Cross war relief fund."—Dr. T. Roy Burgess.

Over Half Alleghany County's War Relief Quota Now Raised

Farmers Urged To Place Orders Now For Parts

Later In Year Be Difficult To Replace Parts And All Farm Machinery

In co-operation with the nation's war program, farmers in this county and throughout the nation are being urged to place orders NOW for all new farm machinery and equipment that will be needed in 1942 and to check over their present equipment and place repair orders immediately.

In the "food for freedom" program, farmers must produce more food, with fewer men. This means that more machinery and equipment will be needed. Manufacturers will not be given priority for metal except upon dealer orders, backed up by the signed order of farmers, it is pointed out. "The usual practice of waiting until just before a machine is needed in the field and then going to town for a repair part, will not work this spring," it is stated. "There won't be any repair parts there unless order is placed now."

The Alleghany farm agent's office sent out a letter a few days ago, urging all farmers to check over their needs at once and place orders.

"Since our nation is facing a great emergency and is using large quantities of iron, steel and other metals, farmers may find it difficult to get new machines and repair parts later on in the year," the letter states. "So it is urgent that you repair your farm tools now, the sooner the better." "On the back of this letter is a repair check sheet. It is suggested that you use it in determining your needs for repair parts. Don't fail to get your tools in good shape NOW."

Andrew Edwards Dies Home Here

Services Conducted at Primitive Baptist Church Saturday

Andrew J. Edwards, 80, well known farmer of Alleghany county, died last Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at his home one mile east of Sparta, and funeral services were conducted Saturday from the Primitive Baptist church by Elders. Charlie Kilby and Shade Caudill. Burial was in the Sparta cemetery.

Mr. Andrews had lived here all his life and was a son of the late Center and Sarah Jane Edwards. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church.

Grandsons and granddaughters served as pallbearers and flower girls at the last rites.

Mr. Andrews was preceded in death by his wife, and surviving are two sons, Ross Andrews of Sparta, and Oscar Andrews of Aberdeen, Wash.; four daughters, Mrs. Nora Norman of Mt. Park, Mrs. R. L. Warren of Greensboro, Mrs. Beal Poole of Sparta, and Mrs. Gussie Kirby of Bedford, Va.; one brother, C. J. Edwards of Bel Air, Md.; and two sisters, Mrs. Jim Wagoner of Sparta, and Mrs. F. A. Mitchell of Stratford.

Agent To Tell Of Collection

Farmers will be notified when and where to take their scrap iron and old papers, which are being collected for national defense purposes, County Agent R. E. Black said yesterday.

The county agent said a suggestion had been made for the farmers to donate these items, with the funds being turned over to the Red Cross war relief fund. The agent pointed out that whether they were sold or given, scrap metal and waste paper should be put into the channels of trade.

Deadline For Getting Entire \$750 Quota Nearing. All Urged To Give

Three townships were unreported this week in the Red Cross war relief fund, and Alleghany county was short by only \$261.19 of its quota, as every person in Alleghany is being urged to do his or her part at once, Chapter Chairman R. L. Berry said yesterday.

The total receipts until yesterday were \$488.81, Treasurer Alton Thompson stated, while the county quota was \$750.

Contributors during the past week include:

L. K. Halsey, \$10; D. F. Sturdivant, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cheek, \$5; Wayne Waddell, \$5; D. C. Bledsoe, \$5; Dr. and Mrs. B. O. Choate, \$5; W. C. Thompson, \$5; Mrs. W. C. Thompson, \$5; R. F. Crouse, \$5; Ernest Edwards, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mc. Edwards, \$5; Cash & Carry, \$5; Sparta High School, \$109.65; Mrs. Ed. Rizoti, \$2; J. H. Robertson, \$5; Blanche Gambill, \$5; Thelma Cathey, \$3.50; Rachel Halsey, \$3.50; Ruth Halsey, \$3; Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Nichols, \$2; D. C. Shores, \$2; Cora D. Carson, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bryan, \$1; Levi Shores, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Edwards, \$2; E. B. Eldridge, \$2; (Continued on Page Four)

Work Starts On WPA Soil Plans

Delayed Soil Conservation Project Begins Tuesday In County

The long delayed WPA soil conservation project in Alleghany county was started Tuesday morning with 12 men reporting for the first day and W. O. Hopper, conservationist for the New River district, said that a full crew of 20 men was expected yesterday.

The project was approved last October 8 by President Roosevelt, and was supposed to have begun in November.

The 20-man crew of WPA workers will be assigned to farms in the county where soil management plans have been worked out. They have started on land in the Piney Creek section. Type of work will consist of erosion control, building or relocating fences, staking strip cropping, timber thinning, tree planting, or other similar jobs.

Gov. Doughton Given 50-Year Pin By Masons

Gov. R. A. Doughton has received a 50-year membership certificate and emblem as a member of the Masonic lodge, thus becoming one of the few men in the nation to attain this honor.

Certificates for 25-year memberships were also presented 10 other local Masons recently. They are John L. Joiner, E. L. Maines, G. C. Wallace, E. H. Thompson, R. G. Taylor, J. G. Bare, L. B. Jarvis, G. A. Holder, F. W. Royal, and L. E. Edwards.

JOE GISH



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