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County To Make Quota In Red Cross Relief Fund

People YOU KNOW In Alleghany

By STAFF WRITER

William Franklin Parsons, known to Piney Creek folks as "Squire Will", was born on the old Parsons homestead about two miles west of Piney Creek post office, the son of John Stokes and Rebecca Sturgill Parsons. He received his early education at the old King Creek Academy, and higher learning at Grassy Creek and at Sparta under Prof. Brown.

During his youth he traveled extensively. He made several trips to South Carolina for cattle trading with his father. One trip

Widow of War Hero Aids Red Cross



Mrs. Colin Kelly, Jr. is pictured here, flanked by the color guard of the Army and Navy Union during a Red Cross parade in New York city. Mrs. Kelly is the widow of the late flying army captain who sacrificed his life to sink the first Jap battleship after war broke out. After the parade ceremonies were held to dedicate New York city's Fifth avenue as the Red Cross street of mercy of the nation.

Scrap Metal Be Collected Next Monday - Black

Also Papers, Rags, Tires Be Gathered At Places Named In Alleghany

BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK

"Scrap the Jap with Scrap" is the slogan for the drive which Alleghany county is conducting this week, as County Agent R. E. Black called upon every citizen in the county to collect, as much scrap metals, papers, rags, and tires as possible.

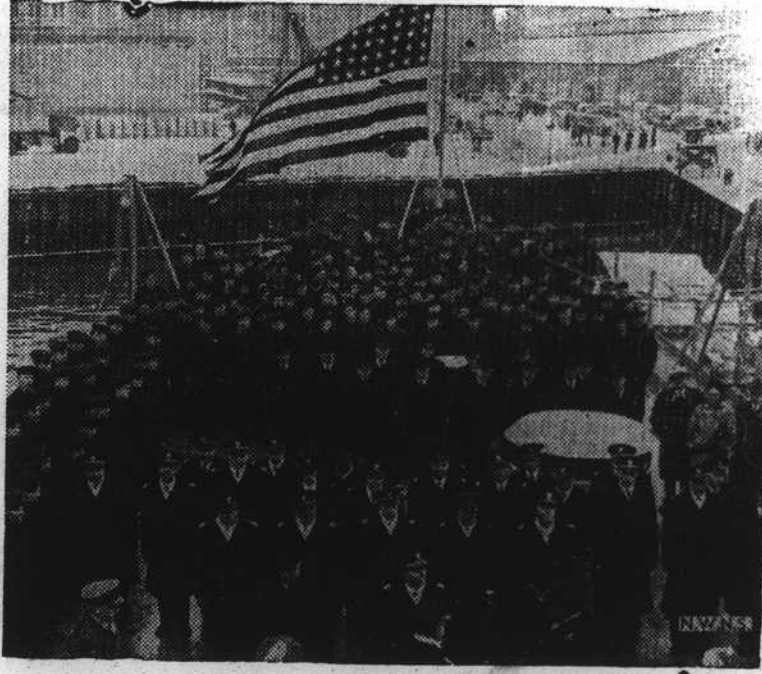
"Collections will be made at designated places in the county on Monday, January 26," Mr. Black announced. "Each person having scrap to be collected is asked to have it at the nearest place to him by twelve o'clock Monday so that the trucks may pick it up."

The places of collection are as follows:

Piney Creek high school, Piney Creek post office, Landreth's store, Elk Creek church, Carl Kennedy's, Taft Higgins, Hendricks' store, Hooker, Edmonds, Blevins Cross Roads, Edwards Cross Roads, Vox, Marvin Doughton's filling station, Twin Oaks, Sam Reeves', Meyers' filling station, J. E. Osborne's, Bob Taylor's Mack Edwards'.

Whitehead post office, Carey Brown's, Peden post office, J. H. Waddell's, Mrs. C. B. Shepherd's, D. J. Jones', Will Atwood's, Stratford post office, Roaring Gap post office, Roy Bryant's, Cherry Lane post office, Rush Thompson's, J. A. Osborne's, Chestnut Grove, Saddle Mountain church, George Todd's, Barrett post office, and Arthur Murphy's.

U. S. Commissions New Cruiser



A new threat against the Axis goes into the struggle as the cruiser U. S. S. San Diego is placed on commission at Boston, Mass. Named for the city of San Diego, Calif., the vessel enters active six months ahead of schedule.

Alleghany Will Reach, Surpass Quota Of \$750

All Reports Not In Yesterday And Total Was \$747.38 Reported

Alleghany county is going over the top in contributing to the Red Cross war relief fund, it appeared this week with the quota of \$750 practically reached and all reports still not in, according to Chapter Chairman R. L. Berry. The county lacked only \$2.17 yesterday of reaching the \$750 quota, and Mr. Berry said this would probably be made, and more, before Alleghany's report is sent in the latter part of this week. The total figure stood yesterday as \$747.38.

Reports of contributors during the past week who helped the county reach its quota include:

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Transou, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Irwin, \$10; Ivy Grace Doughton, \$5; Alice Taylor, \$5; Hazel Lee Taylor, \$5; Laurel Springs Dance, \$29.40; Ruth J. Choate, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gambill, \$4; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richardson, \$4; S. C. Richardson, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ervin, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Rush Thompson, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gentry, \$2; Miss Susan Insoce, \$2; Miss Mada McCutcheon, \$3; Mrs. Ellen Guerant, \$2.25; D. C. Duncan, \$2.

Glade Valley high girls, \$2.25; Glade Valley boys, \$1.21; G. E. West, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gentry, \$2; Kays 5 and 10, \$3.50; Elma Waddell, \$2; W. O. Hooper, \$2; Julius Womble, \$2; D. W. Motor Co., \$3; J. P. Absher, \$2; Miss Lena Thompson, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joines, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goodman, \$3; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Reeves, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Reese Miller, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pugh, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Van Miller, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pugh, \$3; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Taylor, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Moxley, \$2; Laurel Springs Sunday School, \$3.

Other contributors, whose names could not be included, will be named next week.

Enemy Subs Active; Reds Retake Key Post; Philipinos Fighting

Tanker Bombed Off Of The Coast Of North Carolina. Other Hit

War came closer home this week when the Standard Oil tanker Allen Jackson was torpedoed off the coast of North Carolina. The submarine that attacked it, however was not identified.

On the Atlantic side of the world front, the United States navy disclosed without any details that there had been submarine, attacks on ships off the U. S. coast other than those on four tankers which already had been reported, and added: "Strong counter-measures are being taken by units of the navy's east coastal command."

The navy announced, too, that in the western Pacific a little American motor torpedo boat had crept at night into the entrance to Subic bay in the Philippines and torpedoed an enemy vessel of 5,000 tons. The victim was not identified.

It was announced yesterday that the major Japanese-held base on Mindanao in the Philippines (Continued on Page Eight)

Chairman Asks Drive Reports

Chairman of all townships were urged yesterday by Chapter Chairman R. L. Berry of the Red Cross to send in reports immediately. "We have been asked to exceed our county quota, if possible," Mr. Berry said, "and our citizens can show their patriotism by putting Alleghany over the top."

Ration Board Issues Tires

Two Passenger and Ten Truck Tires Granted First Two Weeks

The tire rationing board for Alleghany county announced this week that two passenger tires, 10 truck tires and two truck tubes have been allotted in the first two weeks of January.

Alleghany's quota for the month is five passenger and 23 truck tires, with four passenger and 18 truck tubes.

The tire allotment was as follows: DeWitt Bryan, sheriff, one passenger tire.

Glenn Combs, garbage, two truck tires.

D. C. Truitt, milk route, two truck tires.

J. E. Rector, fuel, one truck tire.

R. C. Gentry, mail carrier, one passenger tire.

Huie Templeton, mail carrier, two truck tires.

Carl M. Joines, lumber, two truck tires and one tube.

S. J. Spurlin, deputy sheriff and produce, one truck tire and one tube.

The temporary rationing board for Alleghany is C. R. Roe, C. C. Castevens and D. C. Bledsoe, all of Sparta, but these men have said they are serving until another board can be appointed.

The board has named R. D. Gentry, town officer, as inspector of tires of the applicants.

Penalty To Be Added On Taxes

Tax Collector DeWitt T. Bryan of Alleghany county warned taxpayers this week they have until February 1st to pay their 1941 taxes before a penalty will be added.

A one per cent penalty goes into effect Monday week, and those who have failed to settle their last year's taxes are being urged by Mr. Bryan to do so before the payment will be increased.

Two Events Be Held For Celebration Of F. D. R.'s Birthday

Weather Warms, Days Lengthen

Old Man Winter let up on shivering weather during the past week as balmy days and rain combined to erase the snow from the landscape. The days were also noticed this week as becoming longer, and the sun is now setting a minute later each day.

Turner Now In Alleghany Jail

Hearing Held In Wytheville Monday; Charge Is False Pretense

W. C. Turner, who was indicted by the grand jury here at the September session for obtaining property under false pretense, was brought to the Alleghany county jail yesterday from Wytheville, Va., following an extradition hearing in that city on Monday before Judge Draper of Pulaski, Va.

Attorneys R. F. Crouse, of Sparta and Paul Parsons of Wytheville represented the State at the hearing, while Frank Rafallo was representative of the defendant. Judge Draper ordered the return of Turner to this county from Virginia because of bad checks he had written here last year in obtaining cattle.

Gov. Broughton sent a requisition to Virginia last October for the return of Turner, and the state of Virginia had in turn acknowledged the requisition. The hearing was held in Wytheville to determine whether or not Turner should be returned to North Carolina, and the court held he should.

Wytheville officers brought Turner to the jail in Sparta, where he is now being detained.

Auto Stamps On Sale Here Now

The automobile tax stamps received this week by Alleghany county post offices and are on sale for the public. Sam Brown, Sparta acting postmaster, said he had sold a number of the stamps but that there was no rush on them as yet.

The "auto use" tax goes into effect February 1st, with owners being required to pay \$2.09 per vehicle for the remainder of this fiscal year. On July 1st the full tax of \$5.00 will fall due, and it will be effective until July 1st, 1943.

Benefit Ball Games And 'President's Dance' To Be Next Week

The President's Birthday Celebration will be observed in Alleghany county next week with two events scheduled in Sparta from which all proceeds will be turned over to the Infantile Paralysis fund, according to Mrs. Alton Thompson, who is chairman of the drive in this county to raise \$160 with which to fight poliomyelitis.

A benefit basketball double-header will be played at the Sparta high school gymnasium Thursday night of next week with the Fries, Va., teams playing Sparta's boys and girls. First game will start at 7:30, and the Spartans will be out to redeem an early season loss to the Virginia squads.

Since losing their first game to Fries, the Sparta boys have improved with experience and are now rated one of the best teams in the Yadkin Valley conference. The Sparta girls have also shown improved play, and many persons are expected to be in the stands for the benefit game next Thursday.

A square dance has been announced for Saturday night, January 31, and all proceeds raised will go towards fighting infantile paralysis. (Continued on Page Eight)

Bank Officers Are Re-Elected

Directors Meet In North Wilkesboro And Again Name Sparta Men

R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, was re-elected president of the Northwestern Bank at a directors meeting last week in North Wilkesboro, and Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, re-elected as executive vice president.

Other officers re-elected are John C. Mabe, Sr., of Bakersville, vice president, and D. V. Deal, of North Wilkesboro, secretary.

The stockholders voted to increase the board of directors from 13 to 14 members, and J. D. Brinkley, of Valdese, was the added member. W. F. Hughes, of Bakersville was also elected a director to succeed G. W. Greene, of Bakersville, whose term had expired.

The re-elected directors are as follows: R. A. Doughton, Harry Bailey, W. C. Berry, W. B. Collins, R. L. Doughton, Ralph Duncan, W. D. Farthing, M. A. Higgins, W. W. Mast, J. T. Prevette, M. F. Reeves and N. B. Smithy.

Bank officials and directors are anticipating another successful year for the Northwestern branches at Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville, Valdese, Taylorsville, and at North Wilkesboro.

County Man Is Fined For Fire

Burns Acre On Parkway And Found Guilty Of Forest Fire Law

Hershel Anderson, who lives on Bullhead mountain near Deep Gap in Alleghany county, was brought before United States Commissioner Dula in Wilkesboro last Friday morning at 11 o'clock and charged with the violation of the Federal Forest Fire Law No. 293 following a fire which burned about one acre of Parkway land on January 14.

Mr. Anderson pleaded guilty to the charge and received a fine of \$17 and three months imprisonment in a federal penitentiary. The imprisonment portion of the sentence was suspended on promise of good behavior. However, the judgement stipulated that should Mr. Anderson be found guilty of violating any Parkway rule or regulation during the next twelve months, the full sentence would become effective.

The forest fire spread from the property of Mr. Anderson on to the Parkway land, and he was then apprehended by Parkway Ranger R. H. Coombs.

The federal Forest Fire law causes a charge to be made by "carelessly allowing a fire to spread from his property on to lands under the jurisdiction of the Blue Ridge Parkway and damaging them."

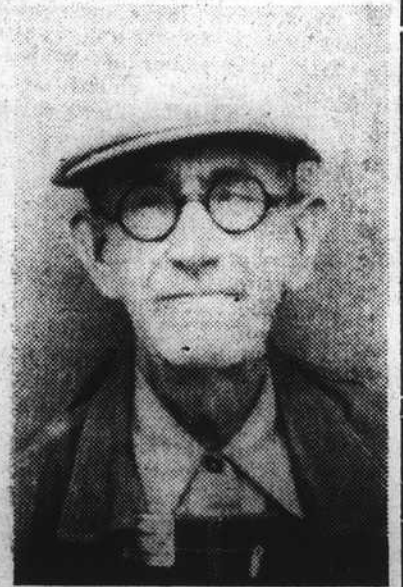
Junior Wagoner Going Into Army

Amos Wagoner, Jr., popular young Sparta and West Jefferson business man, has volunteered for service in the U. S. Signal Corps and leaves Monday for Fort Jackson, S. C.

The young man is a graduate of Sparta high school and was a member of the 1940 class of the University of North Carolina.

Quotable Quotation

"Feeding and improvement of barns is the problem for dairy farmers in the county. More silage and more legume hay is needed."—R. H. Crouse, dairy specialist.



WM. FRANKLIN PARSONS was made to and from Missouri in a wagon, bringing with him one of the first Shepherd dogs ever brought to the community.

He was united in marriage in 1895 to Miss Alice Sturgill and they were born four children, all living at Piney Creek: Mack F., Mrs. L. K. Halsey, Mrs. Grover Enopier and Miss Myrtle Parsons. In 1913, Mrs. Parsons died of typhoid, leaving Mr. Parsons to rear his family alone.

About 1911, the site was chosen for a new school building at Piney Creek, and being a trustee of the old Kings' Creek school, he was made trustee of the new school. He still holds this position and has been chairman of the school board since it was established. He has been trustee of the Methodist church since its dedication in 1911.

An active Mason, he joined the lodge at Kings' Creek about fifty years ago.

It would be hard to find a more public-minded individual. Always keenly interested in affairs of state, and more keenly interested in the community. As Justice of Peace, he has united many couples and to his knowledge not a divorce among them. Being a man of rare wit, he has ironed out many delicate situations arising from little disputes among families and neighbors.

Stricken with ill health over a year ago, he doesn't go out much anymore, but he keeps up with the times by reading, the radio, and chatting with his many friends.

Hobbies? He's been to busy with his farm and other affairs (Continued on Page Four)

DAYLIGHT TIME IS JUST AHEAD

This county as well as the nation today faces the complex problem of readjusting its sleeping, working, eating and recreation schedules to meet the exigencies of national daylight saving time.

He has 20 days or, to be more specific, until 2 a. m., Monday, February 9, to get himself reoriented. At that time and on that date clocks will be advanced one hour under provisions of the national daylight savings bill which President Roosevelt signed Tuesday.

The new "fast time" schedule—designed to conserve electric power and generally increase efficiency of the war effort—will remain in effect for the duration of the war and for not more than six months thereafter, provided Congress does not nullify it in the interim.

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