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# The Alleghany News

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## February Quota Tire Rationing Is Given Board

One Less Passenger Tire And Tube Allotted In County Next Month

**FIVE TIRES SOLD**

The February quota of tires to be allotted in Alleghany county has been given the local rationing board, and one less passenger tire and tube than in January will be sold here.

The quota for next month is four passenger tires, three passenger tubes, 17 truck tires and 30 trucks tubes.

The tires allotted for the third week of January by the board were: R. C. Gentry, passenger, to maintain mail service; Johnnie Hamm, two truck, Rex Mitchell, truck, and D. C. Truitt, truck, for transportation of farm products.

The local board is to be registered soon for the duration of the tire shortage, but what action will be taken was not known this week as the present three members have said they are only serving temporarily until another board can be named. The members are C. R. Roe, C. C. Castevens, and Duke Bledsoe.

The board serves without remuneration or compensation, and regulations call for members who are not dealers in tires. The county defense council names the three members of the board, and Floyd Crouse is chairman of defense in this county.

## F. D. R. Birthday Dance Saturday

Infantile Paralysis Is Cause For Events And "March Of Dimes"

The "President's Birthday Dance" will be this Saturday night in the Sparta high gymnasium beginning at 8:30, and all proceeds will be turned over to the Infantile Paralysis foundation, according to Mrs. Alton Thompson, chairman of the committee for the celebration of the President's diamond jubilee birthday.

President Roosevelt is 60 years old this Friday and as has been the custom of recent years, is allowing his birthday to be the occasion to raise funds with which to fight poliomyelitis.

The local campaign hopes to raise \$160 from a benefit basketball game between Sparta and Fries, Va., here this Thursday night, the dance Saturday, and contributions to the March of Dimes in the Wishing Well containers that have been placed in public places.

An amplifying system will be used in the gymnasium for the President's Dance, and music will be by Clifton Evans. Script has been announced as 50 cents for men, with no charge for ladies.

## Collection Is Slowed But Be Made In Week

The collection of scrap metal was slowed in Alleghany during the past week due to lack of trucks to transport the scrap here, but County Agent R. E. Black said it would be gathered immediately.

All types of articles were taken to the places of collection in the county, Mr. Black said, including scrap metal, papers and rags. These articles will be sold to some dealer, Mr. Black said, and the money turned over to the Red Cross.

**Beginning In This Issue Tragedy of X**  
A Thrilling Mystery  
—By—  
**ELLEBY QUEEN**  
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## Group Talks Of Defense Needs



The Alleghany USDA defense board recently met in Sparta with Bryan Collins, of Boone, assistant soil conservation specialist now working in cooperation with the TVA and the North Carolina extension service, to discuss plans for the collection of scrap metal and importance of farm machinery repair. Shown in front of the Community building after the meeting are: (front row, l. to r.) C. G. Collins, chairman of the board; R. E. Black, county agent; Bryan Collins, of Boone; and W. O. Hooper, local soil conservationist. In back is R. H. Crouse, dairy specialist, and Robert Fleetwood, FSA supervisor. (Staff Photo)

## AEF'S Now In Action Japs Losses Great; Singapore In Danger

### Record Icicle Seen In Sparta

A record icicle for Sparta was seen last week when the city water tank overflowed. The overflow froze and made an icicle from top to bottom of the tank. Inside the tank was 18-inches of ice.

### Belk's To Give Defense Stamps

Belk's will cooperate with National Defense in two ways when this store opens its annual January clearance sale, on Friday morning, Manager Bill Sprinkle explained.

"On the opening day we will give away a defense stamp to the first fifty customers who make purchases at our store, and our sale will enable everyone to save money to buy defense stamps and bonds," he said.

Manager Sprinkle pointed out that many items were being offered on sale during this big event at much less than the price at which the store could replace them. "This is an ideal time to buy merchandise to use right now and next winter too, and throughout the store are to be found hundreds of values," he declared.

### Miss Long Will Do Work Among Blind In County

Special instruction to all blind persons in this county will be given by Miss Hazel Long, of Lenoir, district case worker of the State Commission for Blind, who will spend at least a day and a half in the county each month, starting in February, Mrs. Inez Wall, of Granite Falls, field supervisor for the Commission, announced yesterday.

Miss Long plans to be in Alleghany every Friday after the first Sunday. While in the county, she will work under the direction of the welfare department.

Other counties in her territory include Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Caldwell, Alexander, Burke and Lincoln. Her district headquarters are in Lenoir.

"Miss Long will do case work and give home instruction to the blind," Mrs. Wall stated. "This instruction includes reading, typing, sewing, home economics and so on."

Several years ago Miss Long lost (Continued on Page Four)

## Red Cross War Relief Fund Is Still Growing

Quota Oversubscribed In County; Reports Continue Coming

**TOTAL IS \$805**

The war relief fund had reached \$805.08 in Alleghany county yesterday and all reports were still not in, according to Chapter Chairman R. L. Berry.

Alton Thompson, treasurer of the county Red Cross chapter, announced the drive had gone over Alleghany's assigned quota by \$55.08.

Contributors to the fund not previously named included:

\$3—L. K. Boyer.  
\$2—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wagoner, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Thompson, James Wagoner, Earl Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews.

\$1—W. W. Warden, Mrs. W. W. Warden, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bryant, Mrs. Belle Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Osborne, Boyd Pruitt, J. W. Cox, V. B. Mabe, J. A. Miller, Mrs. Verna Wagoner, Edd Miller, W. C. Woodruff, Mrs. G. W. Hoppers, Bob Taylor, Bailey Wagoner, S. S. Landreth, Blanche Pugh, Mrs. Mae Hoppers, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Mrs. Betty Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cook and Derral, J. H. Miller, Mrs. Jane Sanders, Gypsy Stallings, M. H. Baker, Mrs. V. W. Blevins, W. H. Handy, Mrs. Ray Hampton, R. H. Joines, Mrs. Juanita Davis, Mrs. R. D. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Shumake, Paul Evans, Lester Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Goodman, Wilburn Goodman, E. A. Porter, Dr. J. L. Doughton, Earl Delp, Curtis Blackburn, Robert Blackburn, Robert Galt, Mrs. Carrie (Continued on Page Four)

## Sparta-Low Gap Play Close Tilt

Two Overtime Periods Necessary; Sparta Wins By 30-26

A thrill-packed basketball game with a story-book finish delighted local fans here Tuesday night when Sparta defeated a favored Low Gap five, 30 to 26, after two overtime periods.

Previously undefeated in Yadkin conference play, Low Gap came here with ten straight wins. Sparta is now close behind them with nine victories and one defeat.

Both teams did everything right but for awhile it seemed the visitors had the edge. They led 11-6 at half time, and continued to hold the lead until the closing minutes of the game. The regular game time ended with the scoreboard reading 21-21.

After a whirling overtime period, the score was still even-Stepped at 25-25. The Sparta boys spurred in the second overtime period, with Berry, Osborne and Thompson forging the Spartans to the four-point margin. Smith, Sparta's rangy center, fouled out just before the end of the last overtime.

Thompson was high-point man for the evening, getting nine points but Berry was close behind with four field goals.

The Sparta girls lost to the Low Gap sextet by a 22-10 score. This game also started out as a close tilt, and Sparta was leading at the half, but Sparta guards Caudill and Cox fouled out in the second half.

(Summaries of the games will be found on page eight.)

## Crouse Will Succeed Rich As Ashe County Farm Agent

WEST JEFFERSON, JAN. 29—C. J. Rich will resign as Ashe county farm agent on February 15 and Roy H. Crouse has been appointed to succeed him, it was learned this week.

No official announcement concerning this important change has been made by either the State Extension Service or the Ashe county board of commissioners, but it is understood that two weeks ago Jack Lynn, of Waynesville, district farm agent, notified Mr. Rich that his services would terminate on February 15. A few days ago the state department selected Mr. Crouse, former Yancey county farm agent and

the present dairy specialist in this district, to fill the vacancy. Who will succeed Mr. Crouse has not been determined.

Mr. Rich has served as Ashe farm agent since the summer of 1936. He came here from Buncombe county where he taught vocational agriculture for several years.

It is understood that the change is being made in order to speed up this important work in Ashe county and to increase efficiency of operation. The farm agent departments operate under the direction of the State Extension Service. If there are other reactions (Continued on Page Four)

## County Gets Reynolds \$240 Check



A check for \$240 from Mayor R. J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, is shown being turned over to the Alleghany county commissioners to apply to the home demonstration fund. The county has allotted no funds for the home demonstration work, but the money is being privately subscribed and must necessarily pass through the county government, Commissioners seated are (left to right) Johnny Gamble, Chairman Victor Phipps, and J. MacD. Wagoner, and turning over the check to them is Mrs. A. O. Joines, of Sparta, one of the workers in the drive for home demonstration funds and to whom Mr. Reynolds sent the check.

## Mayor R. J. Reynolds Sends Check Of \$240 To County For Agent

### Winston-Salem Mayor Says Interested In Type Of Activity

Half of the funds needed to be raised in this county for the operation of home demonstration work has been given by Mayor Richard J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, who recently sent a check of \$240 here to be turned over to the home demonstration fund.

Alleghany county needed \$480 until the end of the fiscal year as the local part of funds needed to obtain a home agent, with the State also setting aside funds. When the county had no money to set aside for this work, a few local women decided to solicit for the \$480, and Mayor Reynolds said he would give half of this amount if county citizens gave the remainder.

When Mrs. A. O. Joines of Sparta first told Mayor Reynolds of plans to get home demonstration work in Alleghany county, which was one of three counties in the state without it, Mr. Reynolds replied; "Favorably impressed with good work being done by the home demonstration agents throughout the state, I am eager to do at least something toward making this service available for your county." He (Continued on Page Four)

## Six Will Go To Defense School

County Boys Accepted For NYA Centers In Two State Cities

Applications of six Alleghany county boys have been accepted for defense training at NYA centers in Charlotte and Asheville, and one girl left this week for a resident center, according to Maude S. Miller, NYA interviewer of this district.

Miss Cathleen Smith, of Roaring Gap, was the girl who went to Sardis this week for training in practical nursing.

Boys accepted for defense training are Billie Burton Settle, of Sparta; Woodrow Wilson Baldwin, of Scottville; Jessie Mac Combs, of Sparta; Halfred Warren Jones, of Scottville; Bland Edison Nucholls, of Scottville, and Villace Ham, of Whitehead.

Mrs. Miller said there are other vacancies at present in sheet metal and auto mechanics.

## Quotable Quotation

"I enjoyed that more than the Rose Bowl game,"—Dr. C. A. Thompson after the Sparta-Low Gap game Tuesday.

Automobile owners have until this Saturday to purchase tax stamps at their local post office, as the "auto use tax" goes into effect February 1st.

The Sparta post office had received 200 of these stamps, and there was only one left yesterday morning, according to acting postmaster Sam Brown. He said others had been ordered.

The \$2.00 stamp is of green color, with a Liberty bell design, and must be displayed somewhere on the automobile.

## Higgins Going Yancey County As Asst. Agent

Resigns As Vocational Teacher Here; Will Leave Feb. 15th

**NO ANNOUNCEMENT**

Harold H. Higgins has resigned the position of vocational agriculture teacher in the Sparta schools to accept the position of assistant farm agent of Yancey county and will report to work in Burnsville about February 15.

Officials of the local schools did not announce this week who would take the position vacated by Mr. Higgins.

Yancey county has had no assistant agent since December 1 when V. J. Goodman, assistant at that time, was named agent upon the resignation of R. H. Crouse from the position. Mr. Crouse came here to be dairy specialist of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, and this week announced his resignation to become county agent of Ashe.

Mr. Higgins has worked in close cooperation with the county agent's office while here. He helped extensively in the organization of the Alleghany wool and lamb pool that has meant much to the farmers of this area. Also, he was secretary-treasurer of the Alleghany fair association.

Reared on a farm in Grayson county, Virginia, Mr. Higgins is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic institute, and had been vocational teacher here since graduation.

## Reins-Sturdivant Burial Ass'n. H Another Good Yr.

Annual Report Is Announced. Total Membership Is Now 52,370.

The Reins-Sturdivant Mutual Burial Association, which is the largest in the state and one of the largest in the nation, now has a membership of 52,370, according to the annual report published elsewhere in this issue.

The association's home office is in North Wilkesboro and branches are operated at Sparta, West Jefferson, Boone and Lenoir.

It operates as a mutual organization under the laws of North Carolina. During the past year membership showed an increase of 4,840 and the cash balance on hand account increased a good deal despite the fact that one of the regular quarterly assessments was omitted during the year. The cash balance now is \$48,468.61.

Deaths benefits during the year were paid to 279 members who died, or a total of \$26,850. Over \$46,000 are invested in U. S. Government bonds and building and loan stock, thus creating a good reserve. The association had a good year, it is reported.

W. K. Sturdivant is secretary-treasurer of the association. Reid Sturdivant is in charge in West Jefferson and Dewey Sturdivant at Sparta.

## NO WORD FEDERAL TAX

No word has been received here of when the list of Federal taxes, which must be filed by March 15, will be in Sparta.

Inquiries have been made of when he is coming, but the time will be announced in this newspaper.



EVERY YEAR THE NEW AUTOS GET MORE AND MORE T' LOOKIN' LIKE JUST ONE BIG NUMBER.