

Red Cross War

fern hotel, a federal pos. e he building and a civic club. Let's go after them!

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\$1.00 a Year in Alleghany County

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

Relief Fund Is

Quota Oversubscribed In

County; Reports Con-

tinue Coming

TOTAL IS \$805

The war relief fund had reach-

ed \$805.08 in Alleghany county

yesterday and all reports were

still not in, according to Chapter

Alton Thompson, treasurer of

the county Red Cross chapter, an-

nounced the drive had gone over

Alleghany's assigned quota by

Contributors to the fund not

\$2-Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wagon-

er, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Thompson

\$1-W. W. Warden, Mrs. W. W

ant, Mrs. Belle Osborne, Mr. and

Wagoner, S. S. Landreth, Blanche

Pugh, Mrs. Mae Hoppers, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Mrs. Betty

H. Joines, Mrs. Juanita Davis, Mrs. R. D. Richardson, Mr. and

Mrs. Hobert Shumake, Paul

Evans, Lester Irwin, Mr. and Mrs.

Wade Goodman, Wilburn Good-

man, E. A. Porter, Dr. J. L. Doughton, Earl Delp, Curtis

Robert Gai 190 Mrs. Carrie

Blackburn,

previously named included:

\$3-L. K. Boyer.

Chairman R. L. Berry.

\$55.08.

Still Growing

\$1.50 a Year Out of County

County Gets Reynolds \$240 Check

THURSDAY, JAN. 29, 1942 **Higgins Going**

Yancey County

Resigns As Vecational Teach-er More: Will Leave

Feb. 15th

As Asst. Age.

February Quota Tire Rationing Is Given Board

One Less Passenger Tire And Tube Allotted In County Next Month

FIYE 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 alloted for the third week of January by the board were: R. C. Gentry, passenger, to maintain mail servige; 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. Cast-evens, 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.



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 o f 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

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 James Wagoner, Earl Vernon, Mr. collection of scrap metal and importance of farm machinery Mrs. Fred Andrews. 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 Mrs. Everette Osborne, Boyd is R. H Crouse, dairy specialist, and Robert Fleetwood, FSA Pruit, J. W. Cox, V. B. Mabe, J. A (Staff Photo) supervisor.

AEF'S Now In Action Mis. Charle Roberts, Mis. Bety 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. Japs Losses Great; Singapore In Danger

> **President Hints That 8 Or 10** American Expeditonary **Forces Now In Action**

Defense Stamps archipelago where they lost 28

Annual January Clearance off balance in all the South Paci-

and disturbing progress down the Malayan peninsula. In this westward corner of a

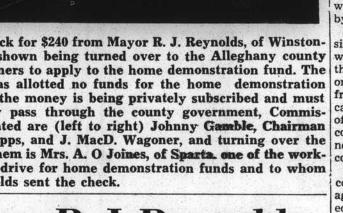


thrust at the heart of the Dutch ships and 13 warplanes in three days, and thus thrown seriously

fic, struck with renewed force



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 and Mrs. T. C. Osborne, Mr. and 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, Commis-Warden, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brysioners 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 Miller, Mrs. Verna Wagoner, Edd Mr. Reynolds sent the check. Miller, W. C. Woodruff, Mrs. G. W. Hoppers, Bob Taylor, Bailey



NO ANNOUNCEMENT Harold H. Higgins has resigned he 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 Alle-ghany 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.

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

The association's home office is

in North Wilkesboro and branch-

was omitted during the year. The

Deaths benefits during the year

were paid to 279 members who

died, or a total of \$26.850. Over

good reserve. The association had

good year, it is reported. W. K. Sturdivant is secretary-

treasurer of the association. Reid

\$46,000 are invested in U. Government bonds and building

and loan stock, thus creating

cash balance now is \$48,468.61.

elsewhere in this issue.



put the drive across, and for this accomplishment, "Lau-

Sent Army Men

es are operated at Sparta, West Jefferson, Boone and Lenoir. It operates as a mutual organization under the laws of North

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**

Sale Will Open On Friday morning

Belk's will cooperate with Na-

The highlight news of the war for the past week came from

President Roosevelt who announced that there were now eight or ten American expeditionary forces in various parts of the world, but their exact loca-

tions were not revealed. in Macassar strait in their major

(Continued on Page Four) **Sparta-Low Gap**

essary: 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.

Blackburn,

Previously undefeated in Yad-

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 Play Close Tilt 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 Books Will Be

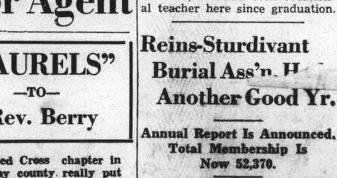
When Mrs. A. O. Joines

amount if county citizens gave the remainder.

The Red Cross chapter in

Alleghany county really put their war relief fund quota over the top when the \$750 was oversubscribed. The chair-man of the local chapter, Rev. R. L. Berry, worked hard to

rels of the Week."



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 Miss Long Will 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.



tional Defense in two ways when great rectangular Allied ocean this store opens its annual Jan- front that was standing firm in uary clearance sale, on Friday every other vital position, the inexplained.

"On the opening day we will in western Malaya stands within a short distance of Singapore. give away a defense stamp to the Moreover, and although at

first fifty customers who make heavy cost-for British bombers purchases at our store, and our hit a cruiser and scored 12 hits on sale will enable everyone to save money to buy defense stamps transports — enemy reinforce-and bonds," he said. ments had been landed on the east coast behind the fighting

Manager Sprinkle pointed lines. out that many items were being offer on sale during this big ev- that Singapore's peril was great- spurted in the second overtime er than ever before and that, at which the store could replace the Allied world must squarely them. "This is an ideal time to confront the possibility-although buy merchandise to use right now not probability-of its fall. and next winter too, and throughout the store are to be found hundreds of values," he declared.

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Do Work Among Blind In County

Special instruction to all blind ersons 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

for the Commission, announced yesterday.

Miss Long plans to be in Alle-ghany 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 learned this week. include Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Caldwell, Alexander, Burke and Lincoln. Her district eadquarters 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

kin conference play, Low Gap came here with ten straight wins. Sparta is now close behind them | Sparta first told Mayor Reynolds of plans to get home demonstramorning, Manager Bill Sprinkle vader is pressing the British with nine victories and one deback at right, left, and center, and feat.

tion work in Alleghany county, Both teams did everything right which was one of three counties but for awhile it seemed the vis- in the state without it, Mr. Reyitors had the edge. They led 11-6 nolds replied; "Favorably im-at half time, and continued to pressed with good work being

hold the lead until the closing done by the home demonstration minutes of the game. The regular agents throughout the state. I am game time ended with the score-board reading 21-21. eager to do at least something toward making this service avaboard reading 21-21.

ilable for your county." He After a whirling overtime per-(Continued on Page Four)

iod, the score was still even-Step-It became increasingly clear hen at 25-25. The Sparta boys Six Will Go To 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 infall To Be Recorded Here

Applications of_ six Alleghany The Sparta girls lost to the Low Gap sextet by a 22-10 score. This for defense training at NYA cen-

A daily rainfall report is now game also started out as a close being kept for Alleghany county tilt, and Sparta was leading at and one girl left this week for a has been read and is not used for by W. O. Hooper, of Sparta, who the half, but Sparta guards Cau- resident center, according to Mau- reference. People who send books is keeping the statistics for the dill and Cox fouled out in the de S. Miller, NYA interviewer of to the Victory Book campaign are is keeping the statistic eau. government weather bureau. The rainfall here Tuesday night 55 inches second half. (Summaries of the games will be found on page eight.)

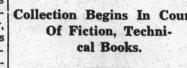
in the county each month, start-ing in February, Mrs. Inez Wall, of Granite Falls, field supervisor As Ashe County Farm Agent of Spatta; Woodrow Wilson Baldwin, of Scottville; Jessie

WEST JEFFERSON. JAN 29 the present dairy specialist in this -C. J. Rich will resign as Ashe district, to fill the vacancy. Who Bland Edison Nucholls, of Scottcounty farm agent on February will succed Mr. Crouse has not ville, and Vilace Ham, of White-15 and Roy H. Crouse has been determined.

Mr. Rich has served as Ashe appointed to succeed him, it was No official announcement concombe county where he taught vocational agriculture for severcerning this important change has

been made by either the State

been made by either the State Extension Service or the Ashe county board of commissioners, but is is understood that two weeks ago Jack Lynn, of Waynes-up this important work in Ashe d give home instruction to the ind," Mrs. Wall stated. "This in-ruction includes reading, typing, wing. home economics and so " Several years ago Miss Long lost (Continued on Page Four) county and to increase efficien of operation. The farm agent de-partments operate under the di-rection of the State Extension Service. If there are other rea-(Continued on Page Four)



The Victory Book campaign is underway in Alleghany county for the collection of books to be sent to the men in the armed service.

Fiction and technical books are wanted, and will be sent out from the Alleghany county library, which is located in the Community building in Sparta. The books can be brought to the lib-**Defense School** rary here, to local collection points, or given to the bookmobile Jefferson and Dewey Sturdivant when it travels through the coun- at Sparta. **County Boys Accepted For**

> Local collection points are at Smithey's, Hardin's or The Alleghany News office.

county boys have been accepted ters in Charlotte and Asheville, to them, but only if the volume asked to put their name and ad-

ty.

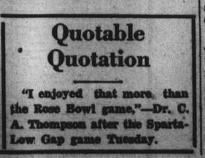
Miss Cathleen Smith, of Roaring Gap, was the girl who went to Sardis this week for training in practical nursing.

NYA Centers In Two State Cities

Boys accepted for defense training are Billie Burton Settle, Mac Combs, of Sparta; Halfred

this district.

Mrs. Miller said there are other farm agent since the summer of vacancies at present in sheet met-1936. He came here from Bun- al and auto mechanics.



Sturdivant is in charge in West

NO WORD FEDERAL TAX

No word has been received here Donators are not being, asked of when the lister of Federal tax-to give books that are of value es, which must be filed by March es, which must be filed by March

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

dress in each volume in order that the men in service may know the folks who sent the book to them. The list of books contributed, and the contributor, will also be given in this newspaper.

Saturday Last Day Get Stamps

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 re-ceived 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 \$2.09 stamp is of gree color, with a Liberty bell design and must be displayed somewher on the automobile.

15, will be in Sparta.



Carolina. During the past year

membership showed an increase **Collection Begins In County** of 4,840 and the cash balance on hand account increased a good deal despite the fact that one of the regular quarterly assessments