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## Ed Casey Makes His Escape From Prison Camp Sat.

Youthful Wilkes County Man Was Trusty At Sparta Prison Camp

Saturday night about ten o'clock, Ed Casey, prisoner at the Sparta Prison camp, took advantage of his status as a trusty and walked off, Prison Superintendent A. M. Greene said here this week. He was still at liberty yesterday afternoon.

A former citizen of Wilkes, Casey's address was Joines, in the Trap Hill section of the county. He was serving a term of from five to eight years on a charge of larceny of an automobile, his term beginning in March, 1941.

He is described as being 27 years old, about five feet, six inches tall, weight 150, with light complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. His record shows that he has been married, but separated from his wife.

Supt. Greene says the camp now has 34 inmates, all white prisoners.

## Recaps Available Without Permit

May Use Recap Camel Back Without Board Authorization

The Office of Price Administration has issued a bulletin to all War Price and Rationing Boards that effective February 20 the rationing of grade F camel back tire rapping material was discontinued.

This will permit any person, including operators of light trucks, to have his own tires recapped with passenger-type camelback. A dealer who is not a recapper will be required to sell his recappable tire carcasses to a recapper. He may now have a recappable tire carcass recapped with passenger-type camelback and returned to him without certificate.

Ration boards will be instructed further from the OPA, the bulletin said.

## Child Is Struck By Car, Tuesday

Violet Tate, 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Violet Tate, of Cherry Lane community, was painfully injured Tuesday afternoon when struck by an automobile on the highway near her home.

Exact details of the accident were not available, but Dr. B. O. Choate, who treated the little girl's injuries, said the driver was a Mr. Porter, of Galax, agent of the Twin City Motor Company, who brought her to Sparta for examination and treatment following the accident.

The injuries sustained appear not to be serious at present.

There will probably be an additional cut of 10 percent in Print Paper on April 1 to meet conditions caused by the war.

## What You Buy With WAR BONDS

While we have not heard so much about them, our air-borne command is inferior to none. We have thousands of these specially trained troops and the glider is a necessary factor in their successful operation.



We build gliders in three types and their capacity is a military secret. The type shown here costs about \$10,000 each. Buy War Bonds with at least ten percent of your income every payday and help pay for these gliders for our intrepid fighting men. U. S. Treasury Department

## U. S. Wounded From Tunisia



At a west country hospital in England, United States infantrymen and paratroopers are recovering from wounds sustained in battles in Tunisia. Here, out for a morning walk, are six soldiers and two of their American nurses.

## Alleghany Citizens Are Now Registering For Ration Book 2

NOW IN FOREIGN SERVICE



Capt. THOMAS H. KING, U. S. Army, who formerly practiced law in Sparta with Atty. George Cheek, is now in foreign service. Capt. King was married to the former Miss Jessie K. Fender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fender, of Whitehead.

## Rep. Doughton Enters Hospital For Check Up

Is Expected To Remain In Hospital For At Least One Week

Washington, D. C. — Chairman Doughton (D, N. C.), of the house ways and means committee has entered Naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., "for a diagnostic study and checkup," Dr. George W. Aalver, congressional physician, said today.

The announcement said that "it is expected that he will be in the naval hospital for approximately a week. In order to give him an opportunity to rest, and at the same time not to interfere with his examinations, he will not be permitted visitors during this time."

## Revenue And School Bills Are Debated By Legislature

Raleigh — Two major bills, one to raise \$105,000,000 in revenue and the other to set up a State-wide nine-month school term, were debated in the Legislature yesterday. And in the hours the Assembly was not in session, committees worked industriously to report on a multitude of bills, most of which were local.

Apparently determined to reach final adjournment within a fortnight, the Legislature kept a weather eye on its joint appropriations committee which was concerning itself over a \$3,507,051 deficit. The spending group booked another executive session today in an effort to eliminate some of the difference between the \$123,597,978 appropriations and

## Registration Will Continue Through Friday; All Expected To Register

Hundreds of Alleghany people have already been issued Ration Book No. 2 this week through the schools registration which continues through Friday, when it is expected to be completed.

All schools of the county have been open with classes dismissed in the afternoons for the purpose of registration.

Merchants report quieter business this week with few types of canned goods offered for sale.

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Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard last night denounced "irresponsible sources" for circulating reports that the nation

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## Early Tobacco Beds Are Better

S. C. Eggers, official of the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse at Boone, made several suggestions this week regarding the tobacco crops this year.

"Plant two tobacco seed beds instead of one and put them where they are close to water, in case of drought," he said. Mr. Eggers also advised that they be covered in cold weather. "Use a good seed, preferably root resistant, sow early, set early and harvest early as this will go a long way toward a top crop and top price," he declared.

R. C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Warehouse says that he believes that tobacco will be as high or higher than it was last season.

## Many Men Are Reclassified By Local Board 1

List Of Classifications Given; Several Are Now Pending

At a meeting of local board No. 1 of Selective Service Feb. 19 the following men were classified:

Charles E. McCann into 1-A; John B. Richardson 2-C; Marvin F. Lyon, 3-C; and in 4-F, Odell Jones, Dean C. Higgins, Carl J. Hodge, Dewey G. Edwards, Claude M. Farmer, Rodney F. Busic, Kelly C. Anderson, Russell Brooks, Vernon B. Andrews.

Pending classification are Carl W. Busic, Don R. Tolliver, Eugene W. Waddell, William W. Warden, Kelly N. Sturgill, Eugene Pruitt, Thomas E. Joines, Robert G. Halsey, Jim L. Osborne, Elmer L. Cheek.

At a later meeting, Ted Roosevelt Wyatt was placed in 1-A, James Howard Brown, Tam Smith Gambill and Eugene Horton Spurlin in 2-C.

## Alleghany Youth Writes Of Camp

Army Life Described By Bob Nichols In Interesting Letter To His Parents

The following letter, written by Bob Nichols, from Pendleton, Oregon, was received by Mr. and Mrs. Smith Nichols and it is being published since it will be of general interest to many readers:

"Was very glad to get your letter today, and to learn that you both were well, and getting along fine. I am feeling fine and enjoying the best of health. It is much warmer here now than it has been, is beginning to look as if spring is not so far away, and how glad we will be to see the wide open spaces green once again! I do mean the wide open spaces; from the field here we can see many thousands of acres, and not a tree to be seen anywhere. For the past few months the land has been covered with snow—have never seen so much snow as we have had here this winter. As you both know, I have always been very fond of snow, but after one winter in Oregon, think I have had all that I will want for some time to come.

Had you all thought about it? Just one year ago yesterday I left for the service. I must say that it has been one of the shortest years that I have ever spent. I have enjoyed every minute of the time, would not have missed it for anything. We all have had a lot of fun, and also we have had a lot of work to do. When we have fun, we don't let anything interfere with our fun, but when we work, we really try to do the job well.

During the past year I have come in contact with boys from all over the country, and it was

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## Announce Tire And Tube Quota

Approvals for the third week in February for tires, tubes and recaps are listed:

Grade one: Glenn Johnson and Isaac Wright; grade two: Wiley McMillan, Mildred Sedberry, Coy Wolfe; grade three: Winfred Choate, Willie Johnson, S. L. Perry, C. Rector, Kyle Todd, Otis Wilson.

Car retreats: Gene Gambill, J. R. Greens, T. L. Grayson, Maggie Johnson, Leo Roberts, Worth Smith.

Car tubes: Otis Wilson, Coy Wolfe. Truck tires: Sam L. Porter, E. C. Pruitt; truck retreats: Vaughn Edwards, E. C. Pruitt, Grover W. Shepherd, Will T. Pugh; truck tubes: Sam L. Porter, E. C. Pruitt.

## Friel Andrews Buried Friday

Friel Andrews, 87, died at the family home last Thursday at his home at Ennice, burial following in Crab Creek cemetery on Friday after a funeral service from Crab Creek church.

Rev. W. M. Handy was in charge of the religious rites. Surviving Mr. Andrews are his widow, Mrs. Sarah Andrews, of Ennice, one son, Alex Andrews, also of Ennice.

## French Battleship To Be Refitted



The Richelieu, newest of French warships, limped into New York harbor with only three of her four propellers operating and her hull pierced. The 35,000-ton battlewagon, shown above, will be repaired and refitted before going to sea against the Axis.

## Axis Thrust Halted In N. Africa; Reds Retake Nazis Bases

Rommel Is Forced To Relax Pressure On Tunisian Front

The spot light of the war was turned on North Africa this week where the Allied forces have been engaged in a bitter struggle with crack Axis troops and have been pushed back in several sectors.

Hurled back in one sector and stalled in another, the German armored units of Marshal Erwin Rommel relaxed their pressure along the Tunisian front yesterday, giving the stubborn allied defense forces their first rest of the bitter, three-day struggle to keep Nazi spearheads from cracking their lines.

"The fighting has died down," said a terse dispatch from the front, and both sides apparently prepared to make the most of the lull by regrouping and bringing up supplies and reinforcements.

In the hills north of the Kasserine gap, Rommel's most dangerous thrust had been halted by British and American tanks and infantry four miles from Thala, the gateway to the strategic Kraman plateau near the Tunisian-Algerian frontier.

As the Germans tried desperately to gain the Thala road junction 25 miles northwest of Kasserine, British tanks and American gunners held on stubbornly in one of the bitterest battles of the Tunisian war.

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## PVT. AMON EDWARDS HONORED AT DINNER

On Saturday night, Mrs. James Dalton, of Galax, and Mrs. Fred Williams, of Montre, entertained at dinner in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Edwards, honoring their brother, Pvt. Amon Edwards, who was home on a ten-day furlough from the Army.

Guests in addition to the family and a number of other friends, were Misses Frances and Georgia Bryan, Iris Brooks, Lois and Ann Reeves and Mr. Tam Gambill.

Pvt. Edwards left Sparta, Sunday night, for Wytheville, on his return trip to Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

## Simple Conservation Practices Urged For Alleghany Farmers

Recognizing the need for a wider application of soil conservation as a means of increasing food production in 1943, supervisors of the New River soil conservation district are recommending the establishment of simple conservation practices which can be applied with labor and materials available on the farm.

These practices include contour cultivation, the use of lime and fertilizer, pasture improvement, crop rotations, terracing, planting of grasses and legumes, and many others.

W. O. Hooper, county conservationist of the district points out that the development of mow strips is also a simple

## AFRICAN AIR CHIEF



Prominent in the lineup of Allied leaders in the African war theater is Air Marshal Sir A. W. Tedder (above), of the British Royal Air Force, who heads all the Allied air forces in this area.

## Miss Bryan Now In Demonstration Work In County

State Home Demonstration Agent Is Doing Organization Work Here

Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, Home Demonstration Agent at large for North Carolina, of Raleigh, is spending some time in the county assisting in the work of organizing home demonstration clubs for the gardening and canning season.

In the absence of a full-time home demonstration agent, Miss Bryan is this week contacting the presidents of all the home demonstration clubs in the county.

Miss Bryan will be here until March 4th, when she will return to Raleigh, then back to Alleghany the first of April.

Miss Bryan spent several months in Ashe when the work was first organized there and has a large number of friends in this entire section.

## Red Cross Drive Meeting Will Be Held Here Mon.

All Interested Workers Urged To Attend Meeting At Community Building

Next Monday, March 1, an organization meeting will be held by Red Cross officials and other interested persons, to begin the War Chest drive to raise the Alleghany county quota of \$1,900, W. O. Hooper, chairman, said here Tuesday.

The meeting will be held in the Community Building at 8:00 p. m. Pep talks will be given by Mayor R. F. Crouse and Governor R. A. Doughton, and invitations have been issued to prospective workers throughout the county to attend, though the public is urged to attend also and take an active part in the meeting to organize leaders to work in each community of the county.

It was pointed out that never have the American people had such an incentive to give or never has the Red Cross needed funds so badly. The cooperation of all will be needed to put the drive over.

## Want Red Cross Knitted Work

Mrs. R. F. Crouse, Alleghany county production chairman for the Red Cross, said here this week that all persons who are knitting for Red Cross are urged to complete the garments as soon as possible and turn them in, as the demand for them far exceeds the available supply.

It is hoped that a shipment can be made within the next week or two, Mrs. Crouse said, and additional supplies obtained with which to keep more workers busy.

## Rufus Phillips Dies Suddenly

Funeral services were held last Saturday morning for Rufus Phillips, 78, who died at the home of his niece, Mrs. John Hoppers, of Piney Creek, February 18. Following the service, which was conducted by Rev. Mr. Wompler from Bridle Creek church, interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Phillips was a resident of Bridle Creek, Nebraska, and had just arrived at the home of his niece when he collapsed from a heart attack. Mrs. Hoppers is the only know relative in Alleghany, though Mr. Phillips was a former resident of Independence, Va., and had some acquaintances in Independence and Galax.

## Group Left For U. S. Army Today

A group of 21 boys called for induction last week left this morning for camp. There they will undergo intensive physical examination to determine their fitness for military service.

A short service was held at the Selective Service Board office before the group boarded the bus for camp.

## What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Every shipyard in our country is setting amazing records in the construction of a merchant marine so essential to the transport of supplies and men to the seven seas. The overall cost of these hundreds of ships now building runs into millions of dollars.



Many of them are called "Victory" ships and you are contributing to this victory by your purchase of War Bonds... at least ten percent of your income, every payday. We'll need these ships after the war, too, when Peace comes. U. S. Treasury Department