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Alleghany Surpasses Red Cross War Fund Quota

Alleghany Man Awarded Medal By Pres. Roosevelt

Ensign Edmond L. Edwards Presented Medal For Distinguished Bravery

President Roosevelt has recently awarded an Air Medal to an Alleghany boy, Ensign Edmond L. Edwards, of Newark, Del. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. G. Edwards, now of Newark, and was born and reared near Sparta.

Recent newspaper photographs show the President personally presenting the medals to Ensign Edwards and Major Hugh R. Sharp, Jr., of Wilmington, Del., now commander of the Civil Air Patrol base at Wilmington.

Flying as observer with Maj. Sharp, Ensign Edwards assisted in rescuing Lt. Henry T. Cross, who had been forced down in a CAP plane in rough seas. The citation said that the sea was too rough for the rescue plane to take off, so Maj. Sharp taxied it for five hours, with Ensign Edwards clinging on to a wing, until the plane was taken in tow by a Coast Guard boat. Ensign Edwards later won his commission in the Navy.

Navy Recruiter Coming Next Wk.

James E. Meacham To Be Here April 12 To See Applicants

In his regular coverage of this vicinity as a Navy recruiter, James E. Meacham will open a Navy recruiting substation in the post office building at Sparta, Monday, April 12, and men and women interested in volunteering for Navy duty are invited to meet him for an interview.

While enlistment regulations still restrict wide-open enlistments of draft-age men, several branches now are open to Selective Service registrants. The Seabees, the Navy's construction battalions, now are open to men between the ages of 18 and 38 who have had experience in any phase of construction. They are consequently eligible for petty officer ratings in the Naval Reserve.

Seventeen-year-old men are still eligible to volunteer for the Navy or Naval Reserve. However, as soon as the youngster reaches his 18th birthday, he is placed under the jurisdiction of Selective Service and is no longer (Continued On Page Four)

Big Increase In Quota Of Tires

Alleghany county's quota of tires and tubes this month far exceeds any allotment for recent months, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk, said here this week.

Sixty grade one tires were listed, 40 grade two, and 54 grade three, with 39 passenger type tubes.

Thirty-nine truck tires were listed, 95 truck retreads and 41 truck tubes.

Easter Styles Are Shown Here

Local merchants featuring ready-to-wear and dry goods have a good selection of spring and Easter merchandise now on display ready for the parade of shoppers.

Because of the lateness of Easter which comes on April 25, mildness is expected to have favorable warm weather to wear all the finery she might purchase. In addition to smart frocks with coats, suits are an important style trend this year and many of them are being shown here.

This year, more than ever it is considered patriotic to trade at home. You save your gas and time, and help your own and your town. The public is urged to patronize home-town merchants.

"Pig Boat" Sinks 10 Jap Ships



Skippers and officers of the American submarine which sank ten Japanese ships in a year's operation. They are, left to right, Lieutenants Franz Hoskins, Tacoma, Wash.; Charles K. Miller, Williamsport, Pa.; Charles Manning, Cheraw, S. C.; Luther R. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.; William Ruhe, Emmaus, Pa.; and Lieut. Com. William E. Ferrell, USN, of Crafton, Pittsburgh, Pa., the commanding officer.

Big War Loan Drive To Open On April 12; War Must Be Financed

Commencement At Piney Creek To Open Apr. 17

Senior Play Will Be Presented First; Graduating Exercises, April 23

The Piney Creek school will begin its closing exercises on Saturday evening, April 17, at eight o'clock, when the senior class will present, "Deacon Dubbs," a three-act comedy, which will provide a full evening's entertainment.

Rev. W. M. Smith, Methodist minister and Superintendent of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, April 18, and graduation exercises will begin the next Friday evening at eight o'clock. The speaker is Prof. S. J. Wood, English Department of A. S. T. C., Boone, N. C. "Prof. Wood is an able speaker whose services are in wide demand, not only by high schools, but also by colleges and universities," Prof. J. B. Reed said here this week, "and we are fortunate to secure him for our speaker."

SERVICES AT NEW HOPE
Rev. W. H. Caldwell will preach at New Hope church next Sunday, April 11th.

Men 38 To 45 And 4-F's Told To Do Essential Work Or Fight

Washington.—Selective service headquarters Saturday night announced what amounted to a work-or-fight order for all draft registrants, including 4-F's and men 38 through 44. In a lengthy communication to local draft boards, selective service outlined steps designed to expedite the "back to the farm" movement promulgated by President Roosevelt on Tuesday.

At the same time, selective service informed the nation that not even men heretofore deferred for physical disabilities or men in the 38-through-44 age group would be absolved from liability to military service unless they are performing essential work or have taken steps to get into essential jobs by May 1.

The announcement meant that 4-F's and over-age men will be subject to the same qualifications for deferment, regardless of dependency, as those in the present induction age bracket 18 through 37.

Men whose dependents would suffer hardships or whose physical disability unfits them for military service or work other than the kind in which they are now engaged, however, will be exempted from strict application of the order, it was said.

13 Billion Dollars Must Be Raised; Alleghany Has Big Quota For Month

Alton Thompson, Cashier, Northwestern Bank, has been appointed chairman of the War Finance Committee for Alleghany County, and will direct the second war loan drive in this county in April. The appointment was made by Hugh Leach, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, district chairman.

The April campaign will seek to sell Treasury bonds of all kinds with a goal of 13 billions for the nation as a whole. North Carolina's quota is 82 millions, Alleghany County's quota of this total has been announced as \$50,200.00.

Mr. Thompson stated that in the forthcoming campaign the War Savings Staff and the Victory Fund Committee organizations would be combined under (Continued on Page 4)

WHITEHEAD SCHOOL HONOR ROLL GIVEN

The list of children on the Whitehead school honor roll are as follows: First grade, Muriel Caudill, Wilma Richardson, Shirley Talor. Second grade, Paul Caudill, Thorvald Caudill; fifth grade, Gladys Caudill; sixth grade, Ross Caudill, Carol Richardson; seventh grade, Alda Richardson.

Miss Fields Will Be New Supt. Of County Schools

Board Of Education Met On Monday; School Committees Are Named

Miss Clyde Fields was named superintendent of Alleghany county schools to succeed W. C. Thompson, on Monday, when the new Board of Education met for the first time after taking the oath of office.

The new board is composed of Carter Hash, of Piney Creek and Gwyn Cox, of Vox, two new members and Chairman Glenn Edwards, a former member.

The new superintendent, Miss Fields, who will begin her term of office July 1, is widely known in educational circles and is well qualified for the position. A native of Alleghany, she has been identified with the Iredell county school system for a number of years and is now principal of a school in Statesville.

Mr. Thompson, who has served as superintendent for eight years, has made an enviable record during his tenure of office. During the past eight years, six new school buildings have been erected. (Continued on Page 4)

Rev. R. West Is Coming Here Soon

Has Accepted Call To Serve Sparta And Laurel Springs Baptist Churches

Rev. Richard West, of Yadkinville, has accepted a call to serve the Baptist churches of Sparta and Laurel Springs, it was learned here this week, and will arrive the week of the 18th to take over the new pastorate.

The parsonage in Sparta is being prepared this week for the new minister and Mrs. West. They have no children.

Rev. Mr. West succeeds Rev. V. W. Sears, who served the church here for several years, leaving Sparta about a month ago to serve as pastor of Rural Hall Baptist church.

Scout Leaders Meet April 16

Meeting To Be Held In Elkin; Alleghany Will Be Represented

A Scout Leader club meeting will be held at the Gilvin Roth, Y. M. C. A. Building in Elkin, next Friday, April 16, which Dr. N. D. Fox, Scoutmaster, plans to attend.

Following the dinner meeting, the court of honor will be held, to which scouts, their parents and friends are invited.

Gerald Ashwill, assistant scout executive, will be present to start the standard scoutmasters' training course, which will be taken also by assistant scoutmasters as well as chairmen of troop committees and scout leaders. The course will begin on the 16th, the first of a series of three meetings, dates for the other two will be decided upon at the first meeting.

Dr. Fox said here this week that he hoped to have many additions to the troop soon, and that all boys near enough to Sparta who could attend regularly, who were over 12 years of age, were invited to join the Scouts.

New J. P's Are Now In Office

Four of the five justices of the Peace in Alleghany appointed by the last legislature, have qualified for their terms of office, which began April first. The fifth, Sam W. Brown, will probably qualify within the 90-day time limit if he returns to the county from a recently-accepted job in Portsmouth, Va.

F. A. Richardson and G. G. Nichols are new justices appointed in Gap Civil township. Mr. Brown and Benjamin F. Wagner received re-appointments. E. Glenn Warden was re-appointed in Prather's Creek township.

Wallace Enjoys Panama Picnic



Vice President Henry A. Wallace thoroughly enjoyed a picnic he attended at Boquete, in the interior of Panama, during his visit to the home of the Panamanian president, Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia. The vice president is shown in a group of singing natives with whom he made a hit by his informality and his knowledge of Spanish.

Americans, British Make Gains; Heavy Bombings In France

Interest Shown In Conservation By Co. Women

Townships To Have "Food Workshop" Exhibits In Town Store Windows

The work of Home Demonstration clubs begun in the Food Workshop program in March, gained headway early this week, here and throughout the county, when Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, in the absence of a full-time home demonstration agent, launched the first of a series of meetings to promote the production and preservation of food for the coming season.

The window displays scheduled by the Food Workshop will begin (Continued On Page Four)

DEMONSTRATION CLUBS TO HOLD FIVE MEETS

A series of home demonstration meetings will be held over the county beginning on Monday, April 12, through Friday the 16.

Monday's meeting will be in the home economics room at Piney Creek school at two o'clock p. m.; The Whitehead club will meet in Mrs. Grayson's room at the school at 3:00 p. m.; New Hope, at the home of Mrs. Dan Jones at two o'clock; Vox club at the school building at 2:00 p. m.; Laurel Springs school at 2:00 p. m.

Newspapers Are To Push Nation's Big War Loan Drive

Washington.—The nation's newspapers are coming to you for \$13,000,000,000 more—for Uncle Sam.

It's the second war loan drive, due to begin Monday, April 12. Newspapers have been assigned a leading part in conducting it.

The government calls it the biggest war financing operation in history.

Its initial stages will last about three weeks, and it is designed to sell the American public \$13,000,000,000 worth of war bonds.

Divide that figure by the number of people in the United States, and you arrive at the conclusion that—on the average—about \$100 worth of bonds will have to be sold for every man, woman and child in the country if the goal is met.

Secretary Morgenthau and Frank E. Tripp, president of the Allied Newspaper Council, said in a communication to all newspapers:

"The people of your community look first to the newspapers for leadership when united action is

Russians Continue To Hold Own Against Germans; Jap Base Is Bombed

The Allies continued on the offensive on all fronts this week with advances being made both in Africa and Russia and heavy attacks from the air on both the Nazis and the Japanese.

The British eighth army resumed its offensive up the Tunisian east coast yesterday and captured all its initial objectives while American troops, closing a trap from the west, drove forward five miles in the El Guettar sector where the Afrika korps was reported retreating.

The Americans advanced in the area east of El Guettar without meeting opposition and are now moving directly eastward toward the Wadi Akarit, threatening to trap the enemy forces farther south in the Gabes road area unless they completed their withdrawal quickly.

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, commander of the eighth army, sent his men into action to storm the gorge-like wadi, on which Rommel made his stand, only after waiting for days with amazing patience while he amassed material and disposed his men.

Red army troops held off repeated attacks by German tanks and motorized shock troops at two key points of the Donets river front Tuesday and fought their way with bayonet into a strongly defended enemy village in the Kuban bridgehead fortified belt. (Continued on Page 4)

\$1,904 Reported Today And More Gifts Being Made

All Workers And Contributors Who Have Not Reported Asked To Do So

Alleghany county's Red Cross War Fund quota of \$1,900 has been reached and exceeded, according to reports received here this morning, with donations from all over the county yet to be reported, to swell the fund well over the required amount.

Up to Wednesday noon a total of \$1,624.44 had been deposited with the Northwestern Bank, Treasurer Alton Thompson reported, but a check with the treasury this morning showed additional deposits had brought the amount up to \$1,904.21.

Various entertainment features in the different schools and churches over the county are expected to swell the fund considerably. A musical program at Sparta High school Wednesday night, a square dance at Laurel Springs, a program at New Hope, and others in the county have been instrumental in raising the fund since the drive began in March, in addition to individual contributions.

Drive Chairman W. O. Hooper said here Wednesday that he (Continued on Page 4)

Much Interest In REA Hearing

Scheduled To Take Place Here On Friday; Several Cases

Keen interest is being shown here in the hearings scheduled for Friday, April 9, in the cases growing out of claims by REA that various members had defaulted on notes.

Early last month, several of the cases were tried here, when judgment was made in favor of REA, but a motion was filed by counsel to have the judgment set aside on the ground that REA had brought suit on the time of trial, and which were not produced at the trial.

Defendants in these cases claimed that the Blue Ridge Electric Company had failed to live up to certain contracts made when the notes were executed by REA members, for washing machines, radios, refrigerators and other appliances.

The hearing was first scheduled for March 27, but illness of a part of the legal counsel for REA caused the date to be set up to April 9th.

Mrs. Spurlin, 84, Buried On Mon.

Funeral rites were held Monday at Glade Creek church in the Hooker community for Mrs. Emeline Spurlin, 84, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. McKenzie, near Old Town, Va., on Sunday.

Rev. W. P. Gibbs, of Galax, W. H. Handy and W. Q. Higgins, of Sparta, held the funeral service, burial following in the church cemetery. Mrs. Spurlin was a former resident of Alleghany.

News To Issue School Edition

The Alleghany News is now completing plans for the annual commemorative edition of the paper devoted to the graduates of the high schools of the county and the school activities.

The edition will be of special interest this year as it will not only carry data about the graduates and faculty but will give a summary of the activities and work of the various schools, pictures and other information of interest to both the parents and students.

According to present plans, the issue will be published April 22 and will have several hundred extra copies in addition to the regular distribution.

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