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Sale Of Easter Seals Underway In Schools Of Co.

Miss Lillie Ervin, Chairman; Miss Ola Collins, Treas.; Report On Activity

Miss Lillie Ervin has been re-appointed this year as Alleghany county chairman of the Easter Seal Sale for crippled children, and Miss Ola Collins treasurer. The sale is now underway and continues through Easter, April 25th.

Seals have been distributed throughout the schools of the county in packages to be sold by school children. The receipts are to be turned over to the county treasurer, half of which will be kept in the county for local use, the other half goes to the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, where it is applied on hospitalization, treatment and like services.

Last year through this agency one pair of crutches was bought for a crippled Alleghany child, three pairs of special shoes, a telephone call was made with reference to hospitalization of a child, dental service, hospital bill, X-Ray for a crippled child, all were paid for through this fund, with a balance remaining of \$10.38 for further service.

11 School Boys Take Navy Exams.

If Accepted, They Will Take Physical For Enlistment In V-5

James E. Meacham, First Class Petty Officer, Navy Recruiting Station, Winston-Salem, N. C., visited Sparta High School Monday, April 12, and gave the Navy's V-6 examination to the following boys: James L. Hardin, Earl Lee Joines, Billy Carroll Choate, Millard Goodman, Jr., Dean Richardson, Roy Lee Fender, Clyde R. Goodman, Eugene Cleary, Fred Hampton, James Dee McKnight, and Charles H. Dough-ton.

The 17-year-old boys who are successful in this examination will be entitled to take the physical examination for the Navy.

The Navy trade schools teach 55 different subjects which qualify young volunteers for specialist ratings from pharmacy to carpentry. The recruit, in so far as possible, is allowed to choose his preferred type of training.

Hale Truitt Is War Prisoner

News has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Kenney Truitt, of Vox, that their son, Hale, reported missing in North Africa, about a month ago, is now a prisoner of war, held by the Italian government.

The message from the War Department advised Mr. and Mrs. Truitt that a letter was following the wire, giving a more detailed account of their son's whereabouts. Young Truitt entered the Army in October, 1941.

\$2,062 Is Raised For Red Cross

Final figures on the Red Cross War Fund drive show that a total of \$2,062 has been deposited with Treasurer Alton Thompson, showing a surplus over the quota of \$1,500 assigned to Alleghany. More contributions continue to trickle in, which will increase this surplus considerably, though it is thought that the greater part of the donations have already been given.

County chairman Rev. E. L. Berry, and Drive chairman W. O. Hooper, again express their appreciation of all the hard work and individual effort expended upon the part of workers, as well as for the generous response of the public to their requests for funds. That the drive has met with success is a matter of pride to each person who had a part in it.

Names of contributors are printed as space is found for them.

French Study U. S. Guns In Africa



Besides fighting on the front lines to close the trap on General Rommel, U. S. troops in North Africa are teaching our French Allies to use the latest military equipment from America. One of our most effective pieces is the new 105-mm. howitzer. Picture shows an American lieutenant explaining the workings of a 105 howitzer to a Fighting French officer as the French gun crew prepares for action.

Axis Hard Pressed In Tunisia; Europe Bombed By Allies

End Of Axis In Tunisia Is Expected Soon; Russians Making Gains

With the final battle for Tunisia taking shape, the Allies continue to press Rommel.

The British first army, thrusting 20 miles above Kairouan, swung into a siege line with the eighth army driving up the coast yesterday, pinning the axis tight in its telescoping Tunisian corner while allied fliers plastered the last enemy air-fields.

The first army's left wing, on the north coast facing Bizerte, and French forces in a supporting push in the center also scored new gains to tighten further the ring around the crowded axis armies, an allied communique reported.

Passed by in the swirl of battle moving toward the Tunis-Bizerte defense arc were American troops who had held the British flank in the Southern and Central Tunisia campaigns, and they now settled down temporarily to the task of mopping up conquered territory.

The first test of strength with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel and (Continued On Page Four)

Sparta Girls Are To Work With FBI

After a conference with FBI special representative Blase, from Charlotte, here Wednesday, three Sparta high school girls signed applications for employment with the FBI in Washington, to report for duty within thirty days. The girls, Misses Betty Ann Miller, Mildred Higgins and Vivian Pruit, are all members of the graduating class of the school, which closes this last week in April.

No Scarlet Fever Epidemic In County; Only Three Cases

Three cases of scarlet fever in March and three in April have riven rise to the fear on the part of a few parents of school-age children that a wide-spread epidemic of the disease may be expected in Alleghany.

In an interview with Dr. H. P. King, health officer, and Miss Ola Collins, county nurse, they state that such a fear is not justified by the facts of the case. "All cases reported have been in one household, the date of onset for the last case reported was on April 3," Miss Collins stated.

"Typical scarlet fever develops in from two to seven days after exposure—usually on the third or fourth day, therefore, it is felt that any child exposed to the disease would have developed it before this time," Miss Collins continued. "There is no immunization or vaccination in use at the present time. If your child is

County People Prize Winners In Poultry Show

Several People Attended The Show Held In Elkin, and Won Prizes

The egg and poultry show, which was held in Elkin last Thursday, was attended by several Alleghany people, and a total of \$30 in prizes was carried back by exhibits taken from the county.

The meeting was presided over by A. P. Cobb, Surry county farm agent, assisted by R. A. McLaughlin, of Yadkin, and J. B. Snipes, of Wilkes. Mayor J. R. Poindexter welcomed the farmers to Elkin. C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist, of State College, and a corps of staff members from the extension department were there to assist in the show and conduct the classes.

Mrs. Y. D. Cooper, of Roaring Gap, won 75 young chicks as a prize on her exhibit of white shelled eggs. Fielden Miles won 75 chicks for a prize on brown shelled eggs. Other exhibits of eggs and poultry won prizes of cash and merchandise donated by Elkin business houses.

Those attending from Alleghany were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Black, Mrs. Y. D. Cooper, Mrs. Albert Evans, Mrs. R. D. Richardson, Mrs. Arol Choate, Mrs. Champ Duncan, Mr. Van F. Miller and Mr. Miles.

The poultry and egg show was the only one of its kind planned for the state this year.

Make your plans early for a Victory Garden.

Fishing Season Opens; Gentry Explains Rules

Those Desiring To Fish Must Have Licenses Or Daily Permits

Game Warden R. D. Gentry, said here Tuesday morning that the fishing season for trout opened in the county on April 15, except Basin Creek, which is in both Alleghany and Wilkes counties, opens on May 15th.

Basin, in the Bluff Park area, is under the supervision of Park Ranger G. B. Liles, and is reported to be well-stocked with trout, as of the other streams of the county. The bag limit is 12, none less than seven inches long to be retained.

Mr. Gentry said that only artificial lures are to be permitted, with no cut bait nor live lures allowed. Fishing licenses in the county are \$1.10 and \$2.10 statewide. Daily permits may be obtained for county residents at 60c, while daily permits for non-residents cost \$1.10; and statewide hunting and fishing licenses are \$3.10.

Mr. Gentry also stated that he had been instructed by State Ranger E. P. Simmons that he can issue a burning permit for four days only for the remainder of 1943, and that instead of coming to Sparta after the permit, if farmers will communicate with Mr. Gentry by mail, permission will be granted by mail to burn the necessary trash and new grounds on their premises.

Scholarship Plan To Boost Wartime Harvest Launched

\$6,000 Contest Opened To All Alleghany Farm Youngsters

Alleghany farm youngsters were invited today to compete in a \$6,000 wartime food production and marketing contest sponsored by the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association.

Registration blanks and details regarding the program in this county may be obtained from R. E. Black, of Sparta, farm demonstration agent, according to L. R. Harrill, of Raleigh, state 4-H leader.

"One objective of the program is to help offset critical shortages of adult labor by stimulating actual production of food by workers under draft age," Harrill explained. (Continued On Page Four)

Classification Of Men Is Announced

A recent list of classifications released by the local board of Selective Service are as follows:

1-A: Ernest M. Evans, Roscoe L. Billings, Jr., James M. Atwood, Bert O. Evans, Walter R. Estep, Arthur D. Taylor.

2-A: Boyd D. Roberts, Vernon B. Andrews, John R. Williams, Fred J. Casill, Victor C. Jones, Shirley E. Roberts, Leonard W. Cox, Bland N. Nuckolls.

2-C: Bradie J. Crouse, Gaither L. Evans, Dexter W. Montgomery, Lloyd V. Sturgill, Grover C. Anthony, Fred T. Hart, Eugene B. Halsey, Rufus F. Phipps, William E. McLean, Charles B. Taylor, Van F. Miller, Clifton D. Edwards, Ralph J. McMeans.

3-C: Jess A. Taylor, Crockett J. Poe, John E. Blevins.

Pending: Lewis J. Hash and Rex Wagener.

Piney Creek Play To Be Given Sat.

Closing Exercises Start With School Play; Large Class To Graduate

The opening exercise of commencement of Piney Creek school will be held at the auditorium on Saturday evening, April 17, when the senior class presents the class play, "Deacon Dubbs." The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday morning by Rev. W. M. Smith, of Elkin, and graduation exercises will begin the next Friday evening at eight o'clock, when diplomas will be given the graduating class, the speaker of the evening to be Prof. S. J. Wood, of the English Department of A. S. T. C., Boone.

Alleghany Men In Service



Lt. Dean F. Duncan, USNR, (left), enlisted in the Navy in November, 1942, and is now stationed at Norfolk. He is a graduate of N. C. State College; before entering service was resident engineer of an underwriters' association in Charlotte. Ensign Leo H. Irwin, (right), is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Irwin, of Twin Oaks. He has been on duty for the past year in Washington, D. C., and is reporting for duty next week at Norfolk, Va.



Big War Loan Drive Now Underway; More Interest Is Reported

Victory Garden Is Discussed At Sparta School

Miss Kennedy Leads Study Of Subjects Of Interest To Gardeners

At a meeting stressing Victory Gardens, last week, Miss Eula Kennedy, home economics teacher of Sparta high school, gave a discussion on gardening, canning, drying and storing of vegetables, giving the five reasons for growing a home garden: First, war demands more food for home use, fighting men and the allies. Second, the government will take over any large amount of commercially canned goods. Third, meat rationing demands that more vegetables be used. Fourth, foods will be more scarce and higher in price. Fifth, the family may not be properly fed if it does not produce its own food.

Different types of cans were shown at the meeting, pressure cooker was demonstrated, and gladiola culture was discussed. In the round-table discussion one of the most important tips given was to start plants in boxes or cold frames; to plant a succession of vegetables; to plant corn in squares instead of one or two long rows and to use the same ground for two crops.

Those participating in the program besides Miss Kennedy were Mrs. Ben Reeves, Mrs. A. O. Joines and Mrs. C. A. Reeves.

REA Hearings Are Again Postponed

The hearings scheduled for last Friday in the controversy between several Alleghany citizens and REA have again been deferred on account of illness of prosecuting counsel, according to information received here.

The date now set for the hearings is April 30th at the courthouse in Sparta.

Will Continue Immunization Clinics For School Children

Plans have been made by the county health officer, Dr. H. P. King, to continue a series of clinics being held over the county to include each school before the closing date, in order to immunize as many children as possible against smallpox.

"A recent outbreak of smallpox in the southwestern part of the state makes it important that we immunize as many of our children as we can to prevent a similar occurrence here," Dr. King stated.

"Whitehead, Cherry Lane, Pine Swamp, Wolf Branch, Cherry Lane and Gap Civil colored schools, are the top ranking schools at this time in smallpox immunizations. It is expected that several schools will have reached the goal of one hundred per cent immunizations when these clinics are completed," Dr. King continued. (Continued On Page 4)

Alleghany's Goal Of \$50,200 Will Require Cooperation Of All

The big War Loan Drive got underway in Alleghany this week, as well as throughout the nation, when the public began buying bonds with renewed interest. Up to noon Wednesday, \$2,850 had been sold through the Northwestern Bank alone, the post office reported \$112.50.

Chairman Alton Thompson said here Wednesday morning that the purchase of war bonds by the state of North Carolina had reduced Alleghany's quota by \$1,200, which was at first, \$50,200, exclusive of the amount purchased by the Northwestern Bank for its own account.

A thorough canvass is to be made of the county, by individual contact, through the schools and churches, Chairman Thompson said here, this week.

An urgent appeal is being made to every man, woman and child in the county to work to make the drive a success, and to make personal sacrifices sufficient to purchase all the war bonds they can afford.

The government must have 13 billion dollars and the slogan for the drive is, "They give their (Continued on Page 4)

Sparta High School To Close April 28; Gibbs Is Speaker

Large Graduating Class To Receive Diplomas; Program Announced

Closing exercises of Sparta high school will begin next Thursday, April 22, with a chapel presentation of the school play, "Here Comes Three Knights", at 10:00 A. M.

The play will be given on Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock in the school auditorium. Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. A. C. Gibbs, District Superintendent of the Elkin District of the Methodist church.

On Monday morning, April 25, debating and recitation contests will be held at the school at ten o'clock, and on Tuesday morning, seventh grade promotion certificates will be presented, and on Wednesday morning at 10:30, graduation exercises will be held, with Dr. Charles Pugh, of Gastonia, as speaker.

Honor Roll For Sparta Announced

Large Number Of Students Make Honor Roll In Sparta School

The following were on the honor roll for the fifth month in the Sparta schools:

First grade—Dwayne Caudle, Baise LaRue, Jimmy Liles, Lucy Collins, Carol Edwards, Doris Jean Edwards, Rosamond Maines, Betty Ann Miller, Shirley Ann Thompson, Lettie Sue Waddell, Nancy Weddell, Betty Sue Stamper, Jimmy Jones, Bobby Elizabeth Gambill, Rose McMillan, Pauline Thornton.

Second grade—Carl Davis, old Edwards, Harlan Edwards, Billy Edwards, Harold Hash, James Hodge, Dorothy Edwards, Betty Jean Edwards, Carolyn Hoppers, Imogene Lyon, Lillian Murray, Billy Teague, Barbara Kilby, Sylvia Ann Liles.

Third grade—Lorraine Shumate, Beulah Edwards, Marjorie Truitt, Edith Mae Hampton, Darlene Bell, Dale Choate, Billy Crouse, Sarah Ann Hickerson.

Fourth grade—Lorraine Billings, Emma Lee Mitchell, Sally Phillips, Anna Lee Andrews, Vena Miles, Delano Choate, Alva Joines, John Mack McCain, Clive Edwards, John Frank Norman, Mary Lee Irwin, Jean Phipps, George Heinz, Wanda Edwards, Lona Irwin.

Fifth grade—Ida Maud Black, Bobby Dillard, Ruth Dutton, Sue Evans, Grace Fender, James Foole, Tommy Reeves, Maxine Todd, Ina Wray Wagener, Patricia Edwards, Fred Shumate.

Sixth grade—Virginia Vann Crouse, Nadene Cox, Gelene Anderson, Irene Cox, Grace Crouse, Billie Higgins, Zollie LaRue, Tommy Burgess, Dean Joines, Alton Richardson, Junior Risotti, Harold Woodruff.

Seventh grade—Blanche Crouse, (Continued on Page 4)

Pre-Easter Snow Covers County

The winter took what everybody here is his final fling of the season here this week with four inches of snow in Sparta and other parts of the county yesterday morning.

Following on the heels of snow, the snow started in earnest around 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, but due to the darkness of the ground, little snow until after midnight.

Yesterday morning, this section awoke to a nice blanket of pre-Easter snow. Snow flurries were felt throughout the day but the sun also made an appearance and much of the snow disappeared. The temperature showed some drop throughout the day, slipping down last night with more snow.

Several farmers and fruit growers reported that fruits were damaged. The budding of some trees, however, was not far enough advanced to be hurt, it was explained.

The snow, varying in depth, was pretty general in this section of the state.