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80 To Graduate From High Schools In Alleghany

Superior Court Opens On Tues.; Jurors Listed

Many Criminal Cases Scheduled For Trial; Three Civil Cases

The Spring term of criminal and civil court will open next Tuesday, April 27th, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn as presiding judge. Because the Monday following Easter is a legal holiday, the opening was deferred until Tuesday.

Cases scheduled for trial are predominantly criminal cases, among them the manslaughter trial of Howard Honaker in the wreck deaths of Sam Richardson and R. C. Wagoner early this spring. Two divorce cases are listed, and one other civil case. Several cases have been continued to a later term.

The list of jurors named include Reeves Douglas, John R. Halsey, J. A. Evans, R. L. Perry, C. F. Osborne, W. A. Pruitt, Wiley McMillan, F. M. Harris, R. M. Joines, T. O. Petty, E. E. Blevins, Claude Kennedy, Johnny Gambill, D. T. Bryant, Z. F. Ward, Guy Perry, Carl Andrews, W. A. Woodruff, M. T. Brooks.

W. A. Pruette Buys War Bonds

Moving To West Virginia; Sold Farm At Laurel Springs Last Week

W. A. Pruette, Laurel Springs, this week bought \$4,000 in War Bonds, making one rung lower the goal of \$50,200 to be reached by Alleghany county by May 1. Mr. Pruette has just sold his farm at Laurel Springs, and is moving to West Virginia. In an interview, Tuesday, he said, "I have sold my farm and stock. I was born and have spent most of my life here. It is with much regret I leave my many friends in the best county in the state of North Carolina. I take off my hat to the grand old man of the mountains, who has served Alleghany so long and faithfully. His wise counsel has kept our county almost free of debt, while many counties have plunged into extravagance and debt—Gov. R. A. Doughton. We all know, trust and love him.

"I salute our boys who are in the service of the United States. My prayer is that right may win and I am sure our cause is just. Alleghany county is a wealthy county, though small. We must win this war or lose all we hold sacred—free speech, free press, and the sacred right to worship God as we please.

D. R. GILHAM BURIED AT SHILOH CEMETERY

Mr. David Reece Gilham, 72, was buried at Shiloh cemetery, Sparta, on April 11. He died at his home near here on Saturday, April 10. Rev. C. R. Allison conducted religious services. Reine-Sturdivant funeral directors, were in charge of the funeral arrangements. Mrs. Gilham survives, with a number of other relatives in Alleghany.

Not Troubled By Shortage Of Gas



Willie Sturgill, son of J. E. Sturgill, of Sturgills, has found a way of getting around the shortage of gas and going ahead with his farm work. This capable yoke of oxen, used in logging and farm work, shows that "Where there's a will, there's a way" of getting things done.

Allies Open Gigantic Offensive For Final Drive To Take Tunis

Rommel Is Reported In Rome

The British eighth army opened a new offensive in its drive on Tunis early yesterday and quickly breached the 800-mile mountain line, 50 miles below the Tunisian capital, in a continuing series of hand-to-hand battles it was learned yesterday.

Supported by a thunderous artillery barrage comparable in intensity to that at El Alamein, the eighth army smashed forward northwest of Enfidaville, the coastal anchor of the 35-mile southern line.

Advances were immediately scored in both the eastern and western sectors of the attack, front dispatches said. Forces in the east attained their first objective and were storming a second, while farther west knife-wielding infantry drove up the 1,200-foot Djebel Garci, which commands a large area of the axis defenses.

The eighth army attacked as allied fliers were revealed to have shot down 24 more enemy planes during ceaseless patrols over the Sicilian channel, swelling their total to 112 for two days included.

Draft Evader Is Given Four Years

Baxter Sturgill, young Alleghany county man, was yesterday sentenced to four years in federal prison on a charge of failing to report for duty under selective service.

Sturgill claimed exemption on the grounds of conscientious objection to military service. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, presiding over the trial in Salisbury, gave him a four-year term in Atlanta federal prison.

President Is Now In Mexico; Pledges Peace, Just Relations

Monterrey, Mexico — President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the U. S. and Manuel Avila Camacho, of Mexico, after a dramatic meeting demonstrating unity and friendliness among the Americans, Tuesday night advocated a world-wide good neighbor policy to prevent the faults of ambition, imperialism and privilege from ever causing another war.

The leaders of the two neighboring American countries made their appeal for joint international broadest, climbing President Roosevelt's historic visit to Mexico. Mr. Roosevelt came to this picturesque old city for the meeting with Avila Camacho after an extensive inspection trip of war activities in the southern part of the United States.

Ask Farmers To Make Report On AAA Compliance

Individuals Placed On Honor In Move To Save Travel, Manpower In 1943

In an effort to reduce travel and use of manpower, farmers of Alleghany county this year will report their own compliance with provisions of the 1943 AAA program, it was announced today by W. F. Jones, chairman of the county AAA committee.

"Under this plan, which may be called an honor system, we hope to save money, travel, tires, gasoline and the time of persons who otherwise probably would be engaged in agricultural production", chairman Jones said. "This plan is being put into effect over the entire nation this year, and we in Alleghany county certainly can meet up to standards of farmers in any other county."

Under this program, he said, each farmer will measure his acreage and will report it to his county AAA office on forms to be provided by the office. Farmers also will report acreages of crops grown for soil-building purposes and to which there is a payment made under the AAA program. Marketing quotas will

Mrs. Phoebe Hodge Died Last Sunday

Mrs. Phoebe Hodge, 62, died at the home of her nephew, Alfred Caudill, last Sunday at noon, and was buried Monday at Mt. Carmel near Cherry Lane, with Spot McKnight conducted the funeral service.

Few Names Are Filed For City Election, May 4

Registration Books Are Now Open; Citizens Are Urged To Register And Vote

In the coming election for town officers, which will be held May 4th, it was learned this week that the name of Mayor R. F. Crouse has been the only one filed as a candidate for mayor, and two new ones for the office of commissioners, Charles C. Castevens and R. C. Halsey, in addition to the names of the five incumbents, for re-election.

Present commissioners are D. C. Duncan, J. M. Wagoner, Dr. C. A. Thompson, J. A. Hardin and D. F. Sturdivant. The registration books are now

Workmen Given Compensation

At a hearing before a representative of the Workmen's Compensation Commission, Raleigh, on Tuesday, Harrison Finley was granted \$1,250 for injuries sustained in an accident while employed at Castevens Motor Company, and Joe Smith, who was injured on a contracting job at Roaring Gap, was allowed \$194.

Mr. Wilson, from the commission in Raleigh, conferred with the principals in the cases here in Sparta.

Sparta Hi School Grads In Army

Below is a list of Sparta high school graduates who are now in the service of Uncle Sam. It is possible that there are others who are registered with a different board, or in other states.

John Robert Sparks, Ivan H. Lyons, Britt Duncan, Pawnee Jordan, Cleve Nichols, James Paul Higgins, Page Higgins, Arthur Wyatt, James Kemp Hawthorne, Robert Lee Nichols, Wade Lake Miller, Kern Oder Joines, Woodrow Richardson, J. T. Inskeep, John Walker Inskeep, John Ullus Irwin, Robert Amos Wagoner, Jr., Wade Choate, Doughton Perry.

Wade McMillan, Paul Richardson, Ernest Emory Edwards, Sam Osborne, Robert Hal Joines, Arthur Paige Andrews, Julian Reeves, Harrell Joines, Ernest Lee Moxley, Robert Mack Wagoner, Cleo Hal Reeves, Bert Guy Richardson, Amon Charles Edwards, Charles C. Castevens, Jr., James Frank Duncan, Wallace Page Bare, Walter Frank Osborne, Hugh Perry, Ray Stuart Reeves, Thomas Elmer Jarvis, Woodie Cox.

Trained Teachers At Glade Valley

In addition to E. B. Eldridge, who has served as headmaster at Glade Valley high school since 1917, the school is ably served by the following teachers:

Rev. C. W. Ervin, principal, has been teaching more than 15 years. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Columbia Seminary, attended summer schools at Duke and the University of North Carolina; teaches science. G. E. West, assistant principal, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He teaches mathematics. Miss Susan Incoe is language teacher; her subjects are Bible and English. Miss Nancy Boeckman is French teacher, this being her first year at the school. Mrs. John Guerrant is dean of girls and music teacher, having attended the Conservatory of Music at Farmville, Va., teaching at Glade Valley for the past 11 years. Miss Lena Thompson, a Flora McDonald graduate, is home economics teacher; this makes her fourth year at Glade Valley. Mrs. E. B. Eldridge is dietitian of the school.

British And Americans In Tunisia



Rommel's plight grew still more critical when the British Eighth Army effected a junction with the Second American Corps advancing from Gafsa, in Tunisia. Picture shows the historic event, which took place on the Gafsa-Gafsa road.

Big War Loan Drive Meeting With Fine Response In County

Stores To Close Here Observing Easter Monday

Easter is expected to be quietly observed here on Sunday, with special services in most of the churches. Stores are to be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday. Superior court will convene on Tuesday, April 27th, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn presiding, and merchants will open for business as usual on Tuesday.

May Close One Afternoon During Summer; Plans To Be Announced Later

A canvass of business firms in town showed an enthusiastic response to the suggestion that the legal holiday be observed. So when in town this week end, buy supplies to last through Sunday and Monday.

Those observing the closing agreement are The Northwestern Bank, Smithy's, Belk's, Cash & Carry, Jay Hardin's, Kay's 5 & 10, Western Auto Associate Store, Farmer's Hardware, Mr. Richardson's Hardware Store and others. A few offices may remain open. (Continued on Page 4)

To Be Ordained As Ministers

At an ordination service at Chestnut Grove Missionary Baptist church next Sunday night, April 25, at eight o'clock, S. L. Perry and Howard Brooks will be ordained as ministers by Rev. G. R. Blackburn, assisted by Rev. W. H. Caldwell and Rev. C. H. McKnight. The public is invited.

Red Cross Fund Is Still Growing

Since the final check-up on the Red Cross drive last week, additional funds have been deposited with the treasurer, bringing the total up to \$2,072.54, it was learned here, Wednesday. Sparta high school gave an additional \$5.11, Wolf Branch school, \$2.90, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Taylor, \$2.00, and Isom Wagoner turned in \$10.50.

Lower Soup, Frozen Food Pts. Ration Book 3 Comes In June

Washington — The Office of Price Administration Tuesday night, ordered sharp point value reductions ranging up to 50 per cent on all frozen fruits and vegetables and all rationed soups because retailers' stocks of these items have not been moving in normal volume.

The cut took place at 12:01 a. m., Wednesday. OPA at the same time removed from the list of rationed products black-eyed peas, a staple in the diet of most southern states. These developments came on top of an official announcement that starting late in June OPA will distribute War Ration Book No. 3 to more than 130,000,000 persons as a replacement for exhausted coupons in books No. 1 and No. 2. Distribution is expected to require until July 21.

Final Programs Include Many Fine Features

Sparta High School Play Saturday Night; Graduation At Glade Valley Today

This year there are 80 seniors who are receiving diplomas from the high schools of Alleghany county, 47 girls and 33 boys.

Most of the commencement exercises were cut short because of wartime conditions and some parts of the programs are being held in the day instead of at evening.

Finals at Piney Creek were held last week end and commencement exercises are underway at Glade Valley; while Sparta finals open on Saturday, at 8:00 p. m., when the senior play, "Here Comes Three Knights", will be given at the high school auditorium.

On Sunday, April 25, at 11 o'clock a. m., the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. A. C. Gibbs; district superintendent of the Elkin district of the Methodist church.

On Monday, April 26th, at 10:00, the recitation and debating contests will be held. The subject for the debate is: "Federal Aid for Education." Georgia Shepherd and Wilma Hampton will represent the affirmative, and Dorothy Pugh and Mildred Higgins, the negative of the question.

The following girls will participate in the recitation contest: Donna Duncan, Doris Collins, Sue McGraady, Tommy Sue Moxley, Norma Fender, Nannie Andrews, Pauline Warden.

On Tuesday, April 27th, at 10:00 a. m., the seventh grade promotion certificates and perfect attendance certificates will be presented.

Wednesday, April 28th, at 10:30 graduation exercises will be held, with Dr. Charles H. Pugh, of Gastonia, delivering the literary address. (Continued on Page 8)

Mayor Crouse On Naval Committee

To Take Applications For V-5 Training For Seventeen-Year-Olds

Mayor R. F. Crouse has been chosen as chairman of the county Naval Committee to explain the qualifications, requirements and training schedule of the Naval Aviation Cadet program, known as the Navy V-5 program.

Mayor Crouse said here this week that the first requirement of a boy wishing to take advantage of this course is that he must be 17 years of age and must not have reached his 18th birthday. He must have a reasonable expectation of graduation from high school by June 30, 1943; graduation must be in courses which will meet accredited college requirements; he must have a scholastic standing in the upper half of the male portion of his class. Boys who are 17 years old and graduated from high school any time prior to June 30, 1943, and are currently not attending college, or who are currently attending college, are also eligible.

Further information may be obtained from Mayor Crouse at the office in Sparta.

DEDICATE PAPER TO COUNTY SCHOOLS

This week, this paper is happy to present the annual commemorative edition in honor of the graduates of the fine high schools of the county.

In order to give them the space they deserve, it is necessary to make several of the regular features of the paper, including most of the correspondence. This exception is made for this issue and the paper next week will carry the usual regular features as well as news from the various organizations.