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## WAR LOAN DRIVE 'OVER THE TOP'

### Sparta School Closed On Wed., 42 Graduated

**Dr. Charles H. Pugh Delivers Literary Address. Merit Awards Given**

Sparta high school closed on Wednesday with the presentation of diplomas to 42 graduates, by Principal C. R. Roe. Dr. Charles H. Pugh delivered the literary address, and the merit awards were presented by Rev. R. L. Berry. Rev. A. C. Gibbs preached the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday morning. Miss Ann Reeves was valedictorian of the class, with Miss Donna Lou Rutherford as salutatorian. Miss Reeves also won the scholarship award for the highest average over a period of four years, as did Roy Lee Fender. Each was presented a \$25 war bond by Daisy Belk Doughton and Bobby Doughton, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Horton Doughton, a custom observed each year in the Sparta school.

Miss Doris Collins received first award for debating, with Miss Doris Pugh, second.

### 16 Graduated At Glade Valley

**Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, Of Lexington, Addressed The Graduating Class**

Glade Valley high school closed last Friday with Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, of Lexington, delivering the graduating address. His subject was "Sidetracked Lives," showing how the present world crisis has changed the lives of both young and old.

Valedictorian of the class was Miss Willie Mae Harkey, with Miss Marie Powell, salutatorian. Sixteen seniors received their diplomas, and during the exercises, prizes and awards were given outstanding students.

Scholarship award for making an average of over 98 for the year, was given Betty Joe Gentry. Music award went to Wilma Parsons, with second prize in music to George Lee Eldridge. Most improvement in Home Economics, Elsie Smith, and to Kathryn Key for the highest average in Home Economics. Recitation award went to Elizabeth Brewer, and to (Continued On Page Four)

### Druggists To Collect Stamps

Druggists were reminded today by John Mac Edwards, chairman of the Alleghany County War Price and Rationing Board, that they are required to collect ration stamps when they sell ration foods.

At the same time, he pointed out that druggists must register under Ration Order 13 if they want to continue in the business of selling such rationed items as baby foods, grape juice and other processed foods. For the purpose of registering, they should use OPA form R-1302 which is obtainable from the local board.

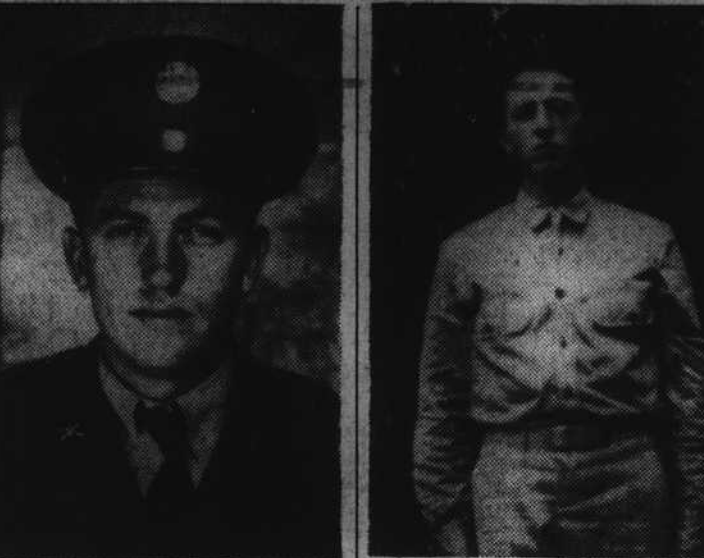
### Hoey To Oppose Robert Reynolds

Significant political developments took place in the state this week when former Governor Clyde R. Hoey announced that he would oppose Senator Robert E. Reynolds and when Judge Wilson Warlick said he would not be a candidate for governor.

Since the announcement of last week by Max Gardner that he would not seek the Senate seat held by Reynolds, voters from all over the state have been urging Gov. Hoey to run and Tuesday he announced that he would be a candidate.

Warlick's withdrawal leaves only two announced candidates for governor in the field now. They are Dr. Ralph Malcolm and State Senator Gregg Cherry.

### Laurel Springs Brothers In Service



Shown above are Corporal Edwin D. Bare, left, and Private Harry G. Bare, right, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bare, of Laurel Springs. Cpl. Bare is stationed at Camp Davis and has been in service for the last three years, while his brother is now serving somewhere overseas.

### Superior Court Here Only Lasted 2 Days; Several Cases Tried

**Honaker Case Is Continued. One Of The Shortest Sessions On Record**

After a speedy disposition of cases on the docket for trial in the April term of superior court, the session adjourned at 4:30 on Wednesday afternoon, following its beginning Tuesday morning.

Judge Allen H. Gwyn presided over the session and J. Erle McMichael was solicitor, with R. Glenn Nichols acting as deputy clerk of court because of the illness of Clerk S. O. Gambill.

Many cases scheduled for trial were continued, among them being the Honaker trial for manslaughter. Seven boys were placed on probation under the supervision of Probation Officer P. T. McNeill, during the session, sentences being suspended chiefly for violations of safe automobile operation. Many driving licenses were suspended an infringement against the rules of probation will automatically put the sentences into effect. These sentences ranged from three to six months. Walter Ray Maxwell was found not guilty on this charge.

Walter Edwards who pled guilty to operating an automobile while intoxicated, was given 6 months under supervision SH & PWC and fined \$50 and costs, suspended on good behavior for three years. William Blaine Warren was given the same sentence on the same charge.

Robert Bur Holcomb and Blain Hall, charged with forgery, pled guilty and were placed on probation for three years.

Cecil Quessenberry, charged with larceny, was also placed on three-year probation.

R. L. Fender, who pled guilty of stealing chickens from Jay Hardin, was ordered to pay cost of court and to make a \$5 payment to the court for Mr. Hardin until the account is paid in full.

In the cases of Charlie Spicer, Lewis Mitchell, Harry Smith, (Continued on Page 4)

### Air Raid Observation Post Here Is On 24-Hour Basis

Starting last Monday, the observers of the air raid warning observation post here were called on to maintain a 24-hour watch for airplanes.

Heretofore, the Sparta observation post was on an "instant alert" basis, with the observers ready to go into action at a moment's notice.

The purpose of this activation, according to Lt. Colonel Oscar C. Tigner, regional commander, Wilmington air defense region, is for testing the efficiency of the aircraft warning service within this region, including ground obser-

### War Ration Book 3 Will Be Sent Out During June

**No Registration To Be Held. Books Will Be Distributed By Board.**

War Ration Book Three, which provides new stamps to replace those running out in the first two ration books, will be distributed in Ashe county beginning late in June and ending July 21, Tom Duncan, chairman of the local ration board, announced today.

"There will be no schoolhouse registration such as featured the issuance of the first two ration books," he said. "Application forms good for a single person or an entire family will be dropped in every mailbox by postmen between May 20 and June 5. The head of the house will fill out the cards which are pre-addressed to OPA mail centers, for the entire family and mail them between June 1 and 10. OPA mail centers will begin sending out the books late in June."

War Ration Book Three will contain "unit" stamps such as those now in use for sugar, coffee and shoes and "point" stamps like those now being used for the purchase of processed foods, meats and fats, he explained.

Unit stamps will be printed with pictures of planes, guns, (Continued on Page 4)

### U. S. Aircraft Output To Hit 100,000 In '43

New York—Production lines of the United States this war year will turn out nearly 100,000 airplanes and almost 19,000,000 dead-weight tons of dry cargo vessels and tankers, business chiefs of the nation were told yesterday.

Vice-Chairman William L. Batt of the War Production Board, speaking before the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, gave the figures on plane production, adding that this meant an increase of approximately 50,000 planes over 1942.

At the same time Batt, departing from his prepared address, said that "management and labor must be prepared for idle plants in war time."

Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, told the gathering that the ship production of almost 19,000,000 tons in the country's yards in 1943 compares with more than 8,000,000 tons built in 1942.

The admiral described the record made by the shipping industry during the last two years as "the greatest shipbuilding chapter in world history."

### Price Rulings Are Received

New maximum price regulations have recently been received by the Alleghany County War Price and Rationing Board, concerning the following items:

Dressed hogs, corn (shelled corn, whole corn, ear corn, and snapped corn) and corn products including corn meal, corn flour, corn grits and brewers grits.

Anyone may obtain a copy of these regulations at the local office.

### Geo. W. Whitley Buried Sunday

Funeral rites were held Sunday for George W. Whitley, 85, of Laurel Springs, who died Friday, April 23, at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Rev. Mr. Winkler was in charge of the service.

Mr. Whitley, who is a native of Wilkes county, has been well known in Alleghany.

The deceased is survived by one son, Will Whitley, Detroit, Mich., and the following daughters: Mrs. John Owens, Laurel Springs; Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Sparta; Mrs. Charles Taylor, Winston-Salem; and Mrs. Sarah Berry, High Point.

### Alleghany County Men In Service



CPL. JOHN ULUS IRWIN PVT. WOODS M. ANDREWS

Cpl. John Ulus Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Irwin, of Sparta, has been in the army about a year. He is now located at Victorville, California, and was recently promoted.

Pvt. Woods Mack Andrews, of Sparta, recently entered the service and says he likes it fine.

Sgt. Clement Osborne, son of Mrs. James Monroe Osborne, of Sparta, was recently promoted to sergeant. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg, having been in N. J. and Florida camps, too. He spent a five-day furlough here, recently.

SGT. CLEMENT OSBORNE

### Allies Are Rapidly Driving Axis From N. African Front

**Rev. Mr. Berry Will Represent W. S. Presbytery**

**The General Assembly Of Presbyterian Church To Convene In May**

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Berry attended Winton-Salem Presbytery and Presbyterial, also the executive board luncheon at the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, Monday and Tuesday.

The two assemblies met together to hear the inspirational address of several outstanding leaders in the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Harry Myers, missionary from Japan, who was interned in Japan at the beginning of the war, told of his prison experience.

Dr. Walter Lingle, former president of Davidson College and moderator of the General Assembly, spoke on the Book of the Acts.

Dr. Claude Prichett, from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, gave an inspiring address on "The Urgency of Home Missions" (Continued On Page Four)

### Allied Armies Now Nearing Tunis; Germans Stiffen Resistance In Russia

In the North African campaign Americans have dislocated the German army from a series of hills around the 110-mile front in the last stage battle of Tunisia and dispatches report the Allied armies are nearing both Bizerte and Tunis.

Often grappling hand to hand with knives, daggers and grenades, the bitter fighting of the war is now in progress, driving the Axis forces backward into the sea, the distance daily growing shorter. Military authorities predict spectacular developments may be expected within a short time.

The Axis army stepped up its resistance, and for the first time in the African campaign is using flame-throwing tanks.

In the Pacific area Allied planes continue to attack Japanese-held positions, and shipping. Heavy bombers report making direct hits on Japanese vessels northwest of Australia.

On the Russian front Russian and German plane fleets battled fiercely over the Kuban front and (Continued on Page 4)

### Goal Is To Buy Ambulances With Extra Purchases

**Every Man, Woman And Child Urged To Buy Bonds Before Friday Night**

**WOMEN CANVASSING**

With war bond purchases totalling over \$51,000, Alleghany county has already gone over the top of its Second War Loan drive quota of \$50,200 and a home-stretch campaign is now being pushed to sell additional bonds so that the county can buy ambulances for the armed forces, Chairman Alton Thompson, stated yesterday.

An ambulance costs \$1,785 and drive officials are hoping to sell enough bonds in excess of quota to purchase at least three of the ambulances.

To achieve this goal, every man, woman and child in the county is urged to buy bonds before Friday night, April 30, when the war loan campaign closes.

Members of the Sparta Woman's club have been making a personal canvass of the town this week, soliciting series E bond purchasers and are meeting with enthusiastic response, it is stated.

Mrs. Floyd Crouse and Mrs. C. A. Thompson worked the downtown section Wednesday afternoon and the entire town will be covered before Friday night.

In the Second War Loan drive there are seven different series of bonds and any of them can be bought on or before tomorrow night. After tomorrow, only the series E bonds will be available and the sale of these has been continued through next week, or rather those purchased next week could be applied on the April quota instead of the May quota, if desired. Of course this series is on sale at all times.

These bonds are available in \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000 denominations.

They mature in 10 years, at which time you receive \$4 for every \$3 invested in them. They are registered in the name of the owner or owners, are non-transferable and cannot be used as collateral. They may be cashed in at the end of 60 days.

Former Gov. Hoey announces that nearly every county in the state has gone over its quota.

In commenting on the support given in the drive in this county, Chairman Thompson declared, "We greatly appreciate the whole-hearted co-operation of Alleghany citizens in doing their part to help finance the war. It is a tribute to the patriotism of our people."

The slogan of the campaign is, "They GIVE Their Lives—We LEND Our Money."

### Must Have Data On Ration Books

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, ration board clerk, said here this week that all persons holding ration book No. 2, should fill in all the data on the cover. Book No. 3 will be issued in June as a replacement, and all books must have the required information on the cover.

Mrs. Fleetwood said that no new items are to be rationed.

### Record Easter Sales Reported

Easter was quietly observed in Sparta and Alleghany county.

Last Sunday, the churches reported excellent attendance for the special Easter services and local merchants declared that the Easter business was exceptionally good.

All stores closed Monday and fishermen spent the day with their rods and reels. A number of good catches were reported.

Most all streams in the county have been checked and the trout season is expected to be unusually good.

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### No Opposition In Sparta Town Election Next Tues.

There will be no contest in the town of Sparta election to be held next Tuesday, it was learned yesterday.

The names of Charlie Castevens and R. C. Halsey had been recommended as candidates for the board of aldermen, but yesterday these prominent local citizens told a News reporter that they would not run. The deadline for filing has passed.

This leaves the present board members who are candidates for re-election, without any opposition and Mayor Floyd Crouse is unopposed.

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