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Stores Will Close Wednesday Afternoons

Miss Hampton Is Named Home Agent In County

Will Begin Work At Once; Is Experienced In Home Demonstration Work

Miss Rubie Hampton, of Linville, has accepted the appointment as Alleghany county's Home Demonstration agent, assuming her duties here this week.

Miss Hampton graduated from Milligan College, Tenn., and has a B. S. degree from Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and has had eight years' experience in home economics work. She will serve as nutrition chairman in Alleghany county's Civilian Defense work, and plans to meet the following Demonstration clubs this week:

May 4, at 2:00 o'clock, at Mrs. Nora Wagoner's home.

May 5, Roaring Gap, Mrs. John Choate; May 6, Sparta, Community Building; May 7, Elk Creek, Gambill's Store. On Wednesday, May 12, New Hope club, at Mrs. E. S. Mitchell's home, 2:00 o'clock p. m.; Friday, May 14, Bledsoe Creek club, Mrs. Oral Choate, 2 p. m.; Saturday, May 15, Blevins Cross Roads, 1:30 p. m., Mrs. Charlie Evans.

Hundreds Of School Children Vaccinated By Co. Health Dept.

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Hitler's Young Cannon Fodder



Youngsters of the Hitler youth organization are shown receiving their orders as they report for duty with the luftwaffe. Terrific casualties suffered by the German armies call for replacement by the 15-16-year-olds and men in reserved and vital positions.

Special Drive On War Bonds Will End Saturday

Sales Continue Good Toward Purchase Of Ambulance; May Quota Is \$5,209

Interest in the Second War Loan Drive continues, as it draws to a close on Saturday, May 8. Alleghany county's quota of \$50,200 was reached early last week, and purchases continue steadily on the accumulation of funds for the armed forces. Though exact figures were not available on Wednesday afternoon, unofficial reports show the totals running up.

Members of the Sparta Woman's Club have been making a canvass of the town, in addition to purchases made through the regular channels.

While the second war loan drive is closing, there is a continued need for buying bonds, Chairman Alton Thompson explained. It was announced that the county's E bond quota for the month of May was \$5,209.

Nazi Tank Destroyer Against Nazis



A German tank destroyer, equipped with 75-mm. gun and dual controls for operating forward or backward, captured in a battle with the 10th panzer division in Tunisia, is shown above. The U. S. star was painted on the tank destroyer which was then used against the enemy.

Are To Observe This Closing For Summer Months

Employees Will Be Given An Opportunity To Work In Victory Gardens

Beginning next Wednesday, May 12, Sparta stores will be closed in the afternoons, the half holiday to continue through May, June, July and August.

The closing agreement is being observed to permit store employees to cultivate their Victory Gardens and to have time for recreation and personal business.

Firms who will observe the custom this summer are Smith's Store, Belk's Department Store, Cash & Carry, Jay Hardin's Store, Kay's Five and Ten, Western Auto Associate Store, Sparta Supply company and perhaps others, it was announced.

This custom has been observed in most of the towns of Western North Carolina for several years, and has been found to be no handicap, as customers soon learn to plan their trips to town on the open days, or on the mornings before closing.

Leading merchants point out that while they are anxious to serve the needs of the customers, they also want to give their employees a little free time and explained that as soon as the public becomes accustomed to the idea, this should be no handicap to anyone.

Navy Officer Is To Come Here For Three Days

Will Take Applications For Various Branches Of The U. S. Navy

In an effort to save men and women of Alleghany county and vicinity much time and trouble in making application for the Navy or the WAVES, Recruiter James E. Meacham of the Winston-Salem Navy Recruiting Station will open a temporary recruiting station in Sparta on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 10, 11, and 12 and will remain there for three days to interview persons interested in any branch of the Navy.

Recruiter Meacham will maintain his office in the Post Office building, and his hours will be from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m.

All quotas have been lifted for Navy enlistments, and an unlimited number of 17-year-olds, WAVES, and Seabees may be enlisted immediately. Also, men between the ages of 38 and 50 may qualify for enlistment with any rating for which they are eligible.

Navy trade schools have been opened wide to the 17-year-old youngsters, in order that a large group of young potential petty officers will be available soon. Never before in the history of the Navy have opportunities for the younger men been so great, and a nation-wide drive has been inaugurated to obtain thousands of youngsters for the training schools.

There are 55 different Navy trades from which the youngsters may choose, and they range from medical training to carpentry. An effort is being made to place the youngsters in the fields they prefer, on the theory that they will do better work in the type of trade they like best.

Allies Go Forward In Africa; Pacific Victory Announced

AGAIN MAYOR

Honorable Floyd Crouse, who was again elected as mayor of Sparta in a quiet election here this week.

The allied forces met with increased success this week. In Africa, the American and French troops moved on toward the big naval base of Bizerte and southeast toward Tunis.

The Nazi retreat east of Mateur continues, and the Americans are mopping up axis soldiers, apparently in large number, who were by-passed and then pocketed between the Perna position and Mateur when the U. S. troops plunged in a lightning, 14-mile advance into the strategic rail center, reports reveal.

German guns to the northeast of the town are pouring occasional shells into Mateur.

Part of the American forces pursued the retreating Nazis toward Ferryville, power center of the Bizerte naval base, 10 miles northeast of Mateur.

The allies have delivered their heaviest raid, made daringly by daylight, on Babo, Dutch New Guinea, the high command announced yesterday.

Six Japanese float planes attempted to intercept the raiders over the Aroe islands and two of the enemy were shot down.

Babo is in the Maccluer Gulf in northwestern Dutch New Guinea, some 1,200 miles west of the allied base of Port Moresby. Despite the hazards of the flight, all allied bombers got home.

The navy yesterday revealed triumphant thrusts in widely scattered areas of the Pacific, including American occupation of another group of islands in the North Pacific, and the sinking by American submarines of two Japanese ships.

Town Officers Are Re-elected

To Continue Program Of Town Improvement; Voting Is Light

Mayor R. F. Crouse and the five incumbent members of the town council were re-elected for a term of four years on Tuesday. There was no opposing ticket and the vote was light.

Re-election of the officers of the town government insures a continuation of the progressive program carried out by these officers over a period of years. During their tenure of office the town has acquired a new water system, improved lighting system, re-organization of the fire department on a more efficient plan, and many other improvements.

Aldermen elected with Mayor Crouse are D. C. Duncan, Dr. C. A. Thompson, J. M. Wagoner, J. A. Hardin and D. F. Sturdivant.

Men Classified By Local Board

Several Are Placed In Class 2-A; Names Are Announced

At a meeting last week, Selective Service Board No. 1 classified the following men:

Class 2-A—Bert Moxley, Hugh Ruffy, Wilmer Sheets, Robert A. Berry, Sewell B. McCann, Joseph M. Royal, Donald L. Dancy, Bert Evans, Freddie Bowlin, Clayton H. Bennett; 2-B—Howard Ellis; 2-C—John F. Myers, Newell King, Alexander Woodruff, Earl Jarvis, Clive Stoker, Edward K. Robertson, Porter Thompkins, Caudill, Jesse L. Cox, Johnny G. Charles W. Proffitt.

Class 3-A—Ed M. Jarrell, Clay W. Roberts; 3-B—Wade Key; 3-C Lytle E. Petty, Rufus C. Gilliam, Raymond Watson, Lester H. Woodruff, Mack Waddell, Conley Caudill, Robert Anders, Theodore Spicer, Calvin Wyatt, Dent Joines, Carlie Murphy, William Smith, Carper Osborne, Chester Wyatt, William Burchette, Columbus Higgins, John Grubb, Paul Woodruff, William Carpenter Alfred Caudle, Walter Higgins, Claude Brown, Howard Joines.

Glenn Sturgill, Stewart Lyons, Varden Saddler, Thomas Hampton, Ray Halsey, Robert Van Hoy, David Jarrell, George Todd, Abbie Montgomery, Homer Becker, James Edwards, Ray Wagman, David Wyatt, Willard Brown, Steven Scott, William Sturgill, Boyd Higgins.

Class 4-B—John Vaughn, Jay Sexton, George Vaughn.

Pending—Joseph Ray and James Crouse.

REDMEN RESPOND



Many Indians have joined the armed forces, others are working on farms and in war plants.

Many Other Important Activities Are Carried On, Quarterly Report Shows

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Services Announced

Elder W. H. Handy will preach at Pine Fork Baptist church on May 9, at 8:30, evnt. The public is invited to attend.

There will also be a church council meeting at Little Pine church at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning, May 8, with Rev. W. H. Handy in charge.

Many On Perfect Attendance Roll

List From Sparta School Includes Pupils From All Grades

A large number of students of the Sparta high school made perfect attendance records for the year. Their names and grades are printed below:

First grade—Anna Sue Combs, Dewey Hoppers.

Second grade—Billy Edwards, Harold Edwards, Harold Hash, Dorothy Edwards, Betty Jean Edwards, Billy Teague.

Third grade—Edith Mae Hampton, Marjorie Truitt, Zane Grey McKnight, Juicor McCann, Robert Lee Todd.

Fourth grade—R. C. Teague, Lorraine Bill, Emma Lee Mitchell, Sally Phillips, Sara Ann Hickerson, Charles Higgins, Tommie Moxley, J. T. Buckner, Ralph Edwards, Anna Lee Andrews, Delano Choate, Thelma Lyons, Elizabeth Larue, Lewis Hampton, Alva Joines, Joe McMillan, John Frank Norman.

Fifth grade—Dorothy Andrews, Ida Maude Black, Annie Marie Billings, Sue Edwards, Ruth Dutton, Rufus Jordan, P. K. Jordan, Irene Combs.

Sixth grade—Geline Andrews, Irene Cox, Paul Edwards, Tommy Pugh, Edward Rizoti, Jr., Dean Joines, Grace Crouse, Betty Jean Fender, Virginia Van Crouse, Irene Larue, Imogene Carpenter, Lorene Wagner, Nellie A. Wood.

Seventh grade—Madge Wyatt, George Gentry, Wade Naylor, Evelyn Joines, Andrew McKnight, Opal Nichols.

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Report \$57 From Crippled Children Easter Seal Sale

Several Schools Have Not Reported. Are Urged To Do So Now

The Alleghany county schools have turned in \$57.86 from the sale of Easter seals for crippled children. This campaign was conducted through the school teachers and the school children throughout the county. One-half of the proceeds from the sale will be retained in the county for the aid of our crippled children.

Some of the schools have not yet turned in their reports. Below are listed the amounts received from the schools so far:

Sparta, \$19.82; Whitehead, 2.27; New Hope, 1.10; Prather's Creek (Continued on Page 8)

Fruit And Vegetable Juice Point Value Reduced Again

Washington — Dried or dehydrated soups come off the ration list, most fruit and tomato juices got lower point values and several other changes in processed fruit-vegetable rationing went into effect Sunday morning.

The changes were announced by the office of price administration. Removal of dry soups from the ration list was decided on so late that OPA already had distributed sample charts showing a one point per package value for dry soups in packages up to four ounces. These will have to be corrected by storekeepers.

Authorities acted from alarm over reports that wholesale stocks of dry soups had increased 80 percent in March, due to a spurt in production, and much of the stock was in danger of spoiling due to warm weather. In the fall, these soups are expected to be rationed again.

The cuts in juice points, also due to slow sales, affect all popular fruit juices and tomato juices, except pineapple juice, which went up from 13 to 17 points on the popular No. 2 1/2 size can. Other can sizes of pineapple juice remained unchanged.

Grape juice came down from 4 to 2 points for a pint and from 8 to 3 for a quart. Grapefruit and other citrus juices were trimmed in the No. 2 size can from 4 to 3 points and in the 48 ounce can from 9 to 4 points. Tomato juice was reduced in the No. 2 can size from 15 to 6 points and in the 48 ounce size from 22 to 11 points. In connection with (Continued on Page 5)

Office Of Water Dept. Is Moved

The office of the town water and sewerage department has been moved from the lower floor of the courthouse to the upper floor, in the office formerly occupied by the draft board.

Mr. Lee Woodruff, who is in charge of collections for the water department, and who formerly stayed in the office two half days a week, is now employed at Smith's store, and residents may pay their water fees to him there.

Finals Are Held For Little Pine

Interesting Commencement Program Carried Out By Pupils

Closing exercises of Little Pine school were held at ten o'clock on the morning of April 26. The program consisted of a class song and class parts by the members of the 7th grade graduating class. Those participating were Wanda Jean Wilson, salutatorian, Tracy Bottomley, poem; Wretha Murphy and Lawrence Johnson, class historian. Audine Smith was valedictorian. The two other members of the class were Clyde Edwards, president, and Jack Higgins.

After the graduation exercises, Leon W. Wagoner, local rural mail carrier, addressed the class, using as his subject, "Devotion to Duty."

Besides the seven who received seventh grade promotion certificates (Continued on Page 4)

Broughton Orders A 35-Mile Speed Limit Beginning Today

Raleigh — Governor Broughton exercised his emergency war powers this week to decree, with the approval of the Council of State, a 35-mile speed limit in North Carolina.

The new speed limit will become effective at noon today and will apply to trucks as well as to passenger automobiles.

In proclaiming the lowered speed limit, Governor Broughton and the Council of State complied with requests of the Office of Defense Transportation to bring the North Carolina speed laws into conformity with a wartime federal limit on speed. The State limit now is 60 miles an hour.

It was the first announced use of the broad emergency powers conferred on the Governor by the recent General Assembly, but it came in proclamation number two. The first proclamation will deal with labor law changes recommended by State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford, and will be acted upon by the Council of State today. The labor changes were discussed this week, but Governor Broughton said no definite action was taken.

Shuford has recommended five changes: (1) that girls between 16 and 18 be permitted to work on government contracts until 10 p. m. instead of 9 p. m.; (2) that the labor commissioner be authorized to issue special permits for girls to work until midnight when necessary to the war effort; (3) that the labor commissioner be authorized to grant army and navy requests for women (Continued on Page Four)

To Defer Action On Ninth Month Term Of School

No Official List Of Teachers Announced By Board At Meeting On Monday

At the meeting of the Alleghany county Board of Education on Monday, it was decided to withhold action upon the ninth months' school term until the different school districts in the county had been given an opportunity to make a thorough investigation of the wishes of patrons (Continued on Page 8)