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## D. & P. Pipe Plant Moved To Larger Quarters, Here

Plant Now Located In New Building On Roaring Gap Highway

The D & P Pipe blocks plant has moved from the Porter Lumber company building here in town to the large new pipe works building here in town to the large new pipe works building on the Roaring Gap highway, but the company will continue to purchase ivy and laurel burl at Porter's place because the vehicle scales are located there, it was announced today.

In the D & P Pipe Works' new home the burls are being trimmed and hauled to Boone to be sawed up into blocks. In the future, however, power will be available from the generator plant at the lake and cutting blocks in this county will be resumed.

It is also announced that finished pipes will be made in the Alleghany plant when adequate equipment can be obtained and installed.

Construction of the hydro-electric generation plant near the dam of the lake was completed this week and tests made so far show that an abundant supply of current can be generated to operate the large pipe factory.

The generator that is being used was purchased from the town of North Wilkesboro and it is believed that it will give years of service.

Sam Porter is local manager of the pipe works.

## Tag Day To Be Observed Sat.

Woman's Division War Saving Staff To Hold "Molly Pitcher" Sale

Alleghany county's first "Molly Pitcher Tag Day" will be observed here next Saturday, August 7, when local college girls will sell war bonds and stamps, giving each purchaser a souvenir tag.

The Woman's Division of the War Savings Staff, under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. O. Joines, in co-operation with the agencies under the supervision of Mr. Alton Thompson, county chairman, is sponsoring the program.

The girls who will assist in the sale are Misses Euna Lee Richardson, Mildred Wagoner, Emogene Choate and Doris Richardson, and will be stationed in the post office and the Northwestern Bank. The post office will remain open beyond its usual closing hour to accommodate buyers if necessary, Silas Nichols, postmaster, said here Tuesday.

Township chairmen of the Woman's Staff include Mrs. Ethelyn Richardson, Whitehead; Mrs. Finley, Cranberry; Mrs. Mack Wooddy, Piney Creek; Mrs. Ralph Gentry, Cherry Lane; Miss Betty Joines, Glade Creek; Mrs. C. M. Sanders, Prathers Creek. These chairmen are to urge citizens of their territory to buy bonds and stamps on Saturday in town.

The significance of the "Molly Pitcher" title of the drive is brought out in an interesting story. This heroine of another war, who carried pitchers of well water to men on the battle field of Monmouth and later replaced her wounded husband at his cannon until the battle was won, was Molly Ludwig, born in Trenton, New Jersey. The call "Molly, pitcher," gave her the title by (Continued on Page 8)

## Reunion Held Here Sunday

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Joines here, when luncheon was served to Mr. W. P. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irwin, of Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crouse and son, Farrel, of New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Douglas and daughter, Naomi; Mrs. Maude L. Richardson and daughter, Miss Maybelline, and Fred Richardson, of Baltimore.

Among those calling in the afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richardson and daughter, Cornelia; Lewis Irwin, of Elkin; and Miss Sarah Rathledge; Mrs. Clara Richardson and children, Miss Bessie Lee and Allan; Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Richardson, of

## Allies Crack Line At Mt. Etna; Japs Fall Back At Munda Field

NOW IN ALABAMA



Pvt. Guthrie Caudill, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Caudill, of Baywood, Va. Entered the army three months ago, now stationed at Camp Seibert, Ala. He has made a record as a sharpshooter, recently making 19 hits out of a possible 20 shots at target practice.

## REA Suit Against Alleghany Lady Again Dismissed

Co-op Cuts Off Mrs. Charles Shepherd's Lights Because Of Another Debt

In a hearing here last Friday before Glenn Nichols, the suit of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation against Mrs. Charles Shepherd, of Scottville, was dismissed and the REA co-op filed notice of appeal to the Alleghany superior court. This is the second time that a case against Mrs. Shepherd has been dismissed.

During the hearing it was pointed out that upon failure to collect a balance of approximately \$190, which Mrs. Shepherd was alleged to have owed on a refrigerator that was defective, the REA co-op cut off the lights at the defendant's store and residence.

Attorney Floyd Crouse, who represented Mrs. Shepherd, pointed out that the defendant (Continued on Page 4)

## Awards Given For Lost Hero

Mr. C. F. Osborne has received posthumous awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal by the War Department, for his son, Cpl. Bruce Osborne, who was reported missing in action in the Southwest Pacific war zone on September 24, 1942.

These medals were given for heroism beyond the line of duty. They were received by Mr. Osborne last Thursday.

## Marine Is Carried To Safety



Four jungle-fighting Leathernecks are pictured as they carried a wounded comrade through heavy undergrowth to a landing station behind the lines of a Southwest Pacific battle zone. (U. S. Marine Corps Photo)

## Russians Drive Within Five Miles Of Orel; Big Nazi Port Is Bombed

Allied forces continued to gain this week while Italy suffered internal disturbances and rumors of peace were heard.

American and British troops have cracked the enemy's Mount Etna line at two points and surged forward to draw a ring of steel around Sicily's volcanic bastion where many German troops now face entrapment.

The crushing American attack threw back the whole German northern flank. Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s Seventh Army occupied Troina, Monday, it was disclosed, and rolled on to within 40 miles of the east coast behind Catania.

By breaking through along the Troina-Taormina Road on the north side of Mount Etna, the Americans threatened the German positions on the western slopes of the volcano, including those at Bronte.

Thousands of workers went on strike at Milan, Genoa and other northern Italian cities yesterday and, surging into the public squares in defiance of sabre-armed police, denounced the Badoglio government and shouted demands for immediate peace, frontier reports said last night.

The east end of the Japanese air base of Munda on New Georgia island has been reached by hard fighting United States invasion forces in their yard-by-yard battle against cave-entrenched enemy jungle defenders, General MacArthur announced yesterday.

The slow progress against this key objective of the Central Solomons campaign, was a part of a general advance, the second such reported in as many days.

British bombers "in great strength" rekindled fires last night in flaming and desolate Hamburg, where a Danish consular official estimated 200,000 (Continued on Page 4)

## Whittaker Held In County Jail

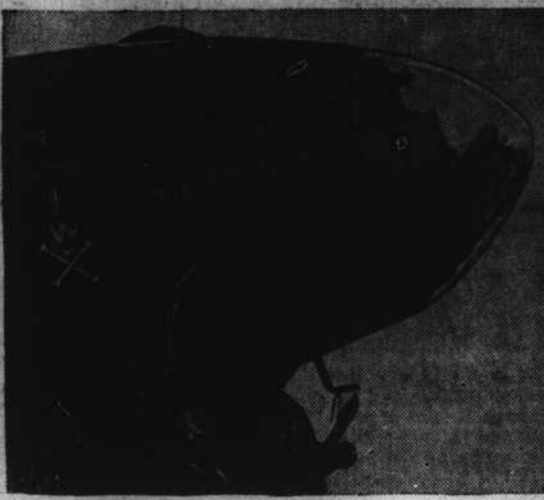
Charged With Resisting An Officer; Arrested On Monday Night

Aut Whittaker was arrested Monday night and placed in jail on a charge of resisting an officer when Sheriff Jess Moxley attempted to arrest him and three companions upon complaints of residents of the Twin Oaks community.

Reports indicate that the men were drinking, and ran their car into the parked car of Willie Lee Poole, of Twin Oaks, almost completely demolishing it. Sheriff Moxley was attacked by the four when he attempted to arrest them, receiving bruises about the head and shoulders, but brought his man to jail where he was still confined Wednesday afternoon, awaiting a hearing. Disposition of charges against the others is still pending.

Among these are the following, listed by authors and titles: Allee, Winter Mischief, Great Tradition, Road to Carolina; Kinert, America's Fighting Planes in Action; Stillman, Jungle Haven; Chapman, Trail Beyond the Rock (Continued on Page 4)

## Ready For The Flight Over To Britain



This Canadian-built "Flying Fort" is ready for the hop from Goose Bay, Labrador, to Britain. Before leaving, pilots get their last minute instructions from Captain Cardiff, of California, who has well over 10,000 flying hours and several trips across the Atlantic to his credit.



## Date For School Opening Is Set For Mon., Aug. 30

Transportation, Teachers And Other Problems Are Discussed By Board, Mon.

At the regular meeting of Alleghany county Board of Education on Monday, it was decided that all Alleghany county schools should open on August 30.

At the July meeting of the board formal application was made to the State Board of Education at Raleigh, for the ninth month to be added to the county schools. This was granted by the state board, and at the August meeting no change was made in the set-up.

The board considered bus routes, drivers, and various other matters pertinent to the proposed opening of school the last of the month. No announcement has yet been made as to the list of teachers who will be employed in the county school system.

All members of the board were present for the meeting. They are: G. N. Evans, C. L. Hash and R. G. Cox.

## New Books Are Received Here

Adult, As Well As Children's Books Are Received By County Library

"Anyone interested in radio should read the new book just received at the Alleghany county library, "First Principles of Radio Communications", by Alfred Morgan", Mrs. Carrie H. Jones, librarian said, this week.

Another new book which should be of special interest, Mrs. Jones said, is "Here is Alaska", by Evelyn Stefansson. This is a book that gives much worthwhile information about a country which has become increasingly important during the present war.

Several other new adult books as well as a good selection for the teen-age group and smaller children have been received recently.

## R. L. Doughton To Speak At ASTC

Chairman Of Ways And Means Committee To Deliver Literary Address

Honorable Robert L. Doughton, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the United States Congress, will deliver the literary address for Appalachian State Teachers College on Thursday night, August 19. Mr. Doughton is well known in this his home congressional district which he has represented for more than thirty years. The commencement date has been moved up one week because of the opening of many North Carolina schools, due to the uniform nine months' term. Classes are meeting six days a week. Classwork for all except seniors will close at noon on Friday, August 20.

## New Toy And Novelty Furniture Plant Is Opened This Week

Will Also Make Small Wagons At Plant; Opened By Clennel Richardson

A new industry known as the Sparta Manufacturing company was opened here this week by Clennel Richardson, prominent local citizen.

The firm plans to manufacture novelty furniture and toys and in the beginning it will concentrate on the manufacture of small, all-wood wagons that will be sold throughout the nation by retail merchants.

Within a short time, Mr. Richardson expects to make at least 100 wagons daily.

The new company is located in the building next to the Porter Milling company, which was formerly occupied by the D & P Pipe Works.

Ten persons are employed in (Continued on Page 4)

## J. P. Reeves Is Buried Sunday

Funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock for J. P. Reeves, aged citizen of the Stratford community who died at the home of his son, Grover Reeves, at five o'clock Saturday morning.

A large crowd attended the funeral, after which burial followed in the family cemetery. Elders E. C. Caudill and John Williams conducted the service.

Surviving are three sons, Grover, Lon and Leff Reeves, all of Alleghany, and one daughter, Mrs. Zollie Osborne, of Virginia. His wife died many years ago.

Mr. Reeves had been in ill health for about two months.

## Pre-war Fathers Will Be Called Starting October 1

Washington — War Manpower Commissioner Paul C. McNutt announced this week that beginning Oct. 1 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers 18 through 37 will be subject to induction into the armed forces "without distinction regarding the number or ages of their dependent children."

He stressed that the decision to tap the pool of 6,550,000 class 3-A registrants (pre-Pearl Harbor fathers hitherto deferred for dependency reason only) did not mean abolition of the 3-A classification. Men will be reclassified out of that group only as needed to meet demands of local boards, he said.

The WMC directive, under which local draft boards are being instructed to start reclassifying fathers set forth only two conditions as a possible basis for deferment:

1. Fathers who are key men in agriculture or essential industry.  
2. Fathers whose induction would cause extreme hardship and privation to their families.

## Earl W. Sturgill Reported Missing In Atlantic Area

Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Oscar Sturgill, Of Stratford, Was In Navy

The Navy Department has notified Mr. and Mrs. John Oscar Sturgill, of Stratford, that their son, Earl William Sturgill, is missing in action in a recent engagement in the Atlantic battle area, it was learned here this week.

In the Associated Press dispatch listing young Sturgill, it was announced that the total of navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties reported to next of kin since December 7, 1941, was 27,642. The grand total includes 8,769 dead, 4,849 wounded, 9,858 missing and 4,166 prisoners.

## Farmers Ship A Carload Of Lambs

The largest co-operative shipment of lambs ever to be made out of Alleghany county was made this week when 524 fat lambs were consigned to Kerns Commission Company, of New Jersey, county agent R. E. Black, said here this week.

Of these 285 were choice lambs, the entire shipment approximating 40,000 pounds. Final figures were not available in time for publication, but it is expected that the lambs brought from fifteen to fifteen and a half cents per pound, netting between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to co-operating farmers.

## County Tax Rate Set At 80 Cents; Bonds Sell High

Alleghany Continues To Rank On Top In N. C. For Financial Condition

Alleghany county continues to rank at the top of the list in the state in financial standing, recent reports indicate.

Today, the county owes only about \$90,000 and its bonds are selling at a higher premium than most any county in North Carolina.

The county has an exceedingly low tax rate, too. This year it is only 80 cents, a reduction of 10 cents from last year.

The 1943 valuation is \$4,226,673.00 and the total estimated levy for this fiscal year is \$37,148.39.

A check up shows that the county now has 2,344 persons listed for payment of poll tax.

Sheriff Moxley is now collecting 1943 taxes and advertised elsewhere in this issue is a list of taxpayers who have not paid their 1942 taxes.

## Jobs Are Offered To Unemployed

Placing Workers On Farms And In Lumber Industry; More Jobs Available

J. Hardin Lee, special interviewer for the U. S. Employment Service, Manpower Commission, said here this week that he is receiving gratifying response to his drive for labor recruits in the territory in the first few days of the campaign.

One point Mr. Lee wished especially emphasized, is the fact that he does not wish to take laborers from agricultural pursuits, nor from vital war industries, but to place really idle persons on some sort of production of benefit in the war program. Placements have been made within the last few days on farms and lumber producing jobs.

War production jobs in Gastonia and High Point especially need women, ages from eighteen to thirty years of age. These jobs are one hundred per cent war production, Mr. Lee stated. No experience is required, however, the jobs pay a forty cent minimum, with transportation paid from the home of the worker to either of the two towns. Board and room may be obtained at from \$7.00 per week to \$9.00 per week, it was pointed out.

## Squirrel Season Opens October 1

Dick Gentry, county game warden, announced this week the opening of the squirrel season in Alleghany county would not begin until October 1 this year according to a ruling by division of game and inland fisheries of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

The season this year is from Oct. 1 until Jan. 1. In previous years it has opened on Sept. 1.

"I want to call the attention of all hunters to this," warden Gentry said. He explained that the bag limit is to be six per day.

This opening date, in addition to Alleghany applies to Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and some other western counties.

Hunters are urged to buy their licenses before the season opens.

## NEWS HAS OVER 2000 SUBSCRIBERS

For the first time in its history, The Alleghany News now has a circulation of over 2,000.

Since its establishment, The News has always had a large circulation, but a number of new subscribers have been added during recent months and the list is continuing to grow.

The paper now has the distinction of having more subscribers than there are homes in the county and it has also extended Sparta's trade territory.

"We are proud of having won the 1943 trophy for having the best small non-daily newspaper in the state, but we are more satisfied that we have such a large and loyal subscription list," Publisher Ed W. Anderson said.