

## Will Hold Third War Loan Drive Meeting Friday Alleghany Baptist Association To Convene Next Week

### 2-Day Session Is To Open Saturday At Sparta Church

Interesting Program Planned; F. W. Royal Is Moderator; Miller, Clerk

The 46th annual session of the Alleghany Baptist Association will be held at Sparta Baptist church on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, when the ten churches of the association meet in business session. F. W. Royal, of Cherry Lane, will preside as moderator, with Van F. Miller, as clerk, who announces the following program:

Beginning at 10:00 o'clock, W. F. Doughton will open the program with the devotional, which will be followed by the rollcall of churches and digest of church letters. At 10:45, appointment of nominating committee will be made by the moderator.

At 10:50, election of officers will be held, and the committee on committees will be heard, with recognition of visitors. At 11:00 o'clock the report of the executive committee will be given, and at 11:30 Rev. W. T. Whittington will preach.

From 12:00 to 1:00, business will be suspended, and lunch served.

The afternoon program will open with a song, and devotional by Rev. W. H. Caldwell. At 1:15 the report of the co-operative program will be heard (state, home and foreign missions), and at 1:45 the report on religious literature will be heard, followed at 2:00 by the report on the Woman's Missionary Union. At 2:15, Rev. W. M. Ham will report on the ministers' annuity plan, followed at 2:45 by the report on the hospital. At 3:15 the report on the orphanage will be heard, at 3:45 report on Christian Education, at 4:15 report on Temperance, at 4:45, report on Training Union, and at 5:15 report of committees. (Continued On Page Four)

### Miss Sedberry Gets Promotion

Will Organize Work In Watauga And Avery Counties For F. S. A.

Miss Mildred Sedberry, for the past 13 months, Home Management Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration in Alleghany county, left this week to take up her work of organizing Watauga and a part of Avery county into home management groups, replacing the former supervisor of that territory.

Drastic reduction of FSA appropriations by the last Congress has necessitated the consolidation of many districts and the reduction of personnel in the current fiscal year, which began July 1. Many releases have been given to employees, others taking over the work of the consolidated districts.

Miss Sedberry had made an outstanding record in her work in Alleghany, and has proved to be popular with her clients and fellow-workers, whose good wishes follow her into her new field.

### J. T. Greene, 77, Buried Monday

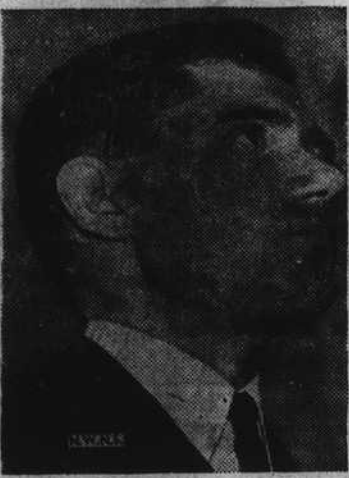
Funeral rites were held Monday morning at eleven o'clock for J. T. Greene, 77, who died at his home at Ennice early Sunday morning after several weeks' critical illness.

Elder Coy Walker and Elder Vass, of Galax, conducted the religious ceremony, burial following in the Crab Creek cemetery following the funeral in the church.

Mr. Greene was the father of twelve children, five of whom, with his widow, Mrs. Martha Greene, survive. E. C. Greene, Sparta; A. M. Greene, Ennice; Lester Greene, Ennice; Lawrence Greene, Edmonds; and Mrs. Mae Bailey, Ennice.

## Russians Crack Nazi Defenses; Large Toll Of Jap Planes Taken

### NEW RUSSIAN ENVOY



Andry A. Gromyko, who has been named as the new Soviet ambassador to the United States in place of Maxim Litvinoff.

### Make Plans For A Cannery Bldg. For Piney Creek

Labor On Building Will Be Donated By Citizens Of Community

At the meeting of Piney Creek citizens at the school building, Tuesday night, discussion of ways and means of raising the necessary funds and recruiting the necessary labor for erection of the proposed community cannery building, featured the evening.

Estimates were made of the money and materials needed for construction, and plans are being formulated for raising approximately \$400, and it is expected that operations on erection of the building may begin as soon as crops are laid by this fall, in order to be ready for the next canning season.

Tentative plans are that citizens will donate as well as buy shares in the co-operative concern. Future Farmers of America, boys' agricultural group, and interested citizens of the community will canvass their neighborhoods to ascertain the amounts each citizen will pledge, or contribute. A list of purchasers and donors is to be published as it grows.

"The cannery will have a capacity of 1,000 cans per day, with home-canning among share-holders of first consideration. Commercial canning will be done as facilities permit," Ernest Minnich, agricultural teacher in Piney Creek school, who is leading the movement to establish the plant, said here this week.

## Illegal Use Of Gas Coupons Explained By OPA Officials

Recently, several cases have been found where persons with "E", "R", "B", "C" and "TT" coupons have been given or selling them to other persons who hold basic "A" Gasoline Ration Books, OPA officials pointed out.

Several cases have been found here in the local office where a person holding only an "A" book would have "B", "C", "E", "R", or "TT" coupons in their possession, it was stated.

Reports also continue to come in that some of the service stations of the county will sell gasoline into an automobile on coupons other than "A", "B", or "C", which are the only legal coupons for use in an automobile. If facts are obtained to this extent the service station will be immediately placed under suspen-

### All-Day Attack Carried Out By Allied Forces On Cities Of Germany

Germany observed the fourth anniversary of the war by taking great Russian stabs in the east and having their industrial cities hammered by the Allied air forces this week.

The German position along the whole Russian front appeared yesterday to be crumbling before the combination of sledge hammer blows by the exuberant Red armies and the necessity of shortening the lines because of the mounting second front threat.

The indications are that Hitler is being forced to yield the gains of two years of costly war in the east.

If anything, the impetus of the Russian summer onslaught is increasing, as twice yesterday, Moscow's victory guns boomed thunderous salutes signaling a 37-mile drive into the Northern Ukraine and an 18-mile thrust through the heart of Nazi defenses guarding the Smolensk strong-point on the old Napoleonic road on invasion—and of retreat.

U. S. Flying Fortresses attacked the German airport at Amiens-Ghty in France late yesterday, a communique announced. "Crews reported good bomb-

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### Price Panel Met Here On Friday

New Instructions Given On Shoe Purchases By Price Board

A meeting of the price panel and price assistants of the Alleghany county war price and rationing board was held Friday night, August 27, at 8:30 in the local office.

Advice on price matters, or complaints, were considered at this meeting. Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman of the board, announced a decline in retail food prices of 2.0 per cent from June 15, to July 15, 1943, and that the cost of living fell 0.08 per cent during the same period, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Labor.

It is further announced by the Board that a change has been made in shoe rationing regulations which emphasize the fact that loose shoe stamps detached from ration books may be used only to make bona fide mail order purchases. These rules are contained in an amendment issued by the Board and became effective August 16.

For further information, consult the local board.

### Woodsmen Take Pledge To Cut More Pulpwood



Soldiers of the forest, these woodsmen realize the importance of pulpwood production to the war effort and are doing their utmost to forestall a threatened 2,500,000 cord shortage this year. C. Y. Townley, contractor, administers oath to crew on pulpwood operation in woods at Dodge, Texas, signalling the opening of the Victory Pulpwood Campaign. This campaign is now being waged in this county, too, and the assistance of all is asked.

### County Schools Opened Monday; Good Attendance

Gov. R. A. Doughton Is Speaker At Teachers' Meeting On Saturday

Alleghany county schools opened on Monday of this week, with classes being organized and departments placed in readiness for the year's work. Only a slight decrease in enrollment is noted, due, probably, to the absence of members of senior classes in military and naval service.

At the teachers' meeting held at the Sparta High School on Saturday, after greetings to Alleghany teachers by Prof. C. R. Roe, Gov. R. A. Doughton made an interesting and inspiring address on the traits and qualifications of a good teacher. Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent, presided over the meeting, and discussed plans for the school year. Supplies were distributed and matters of general routine were discussed.

The N. C. E. A. was reorganized, with one hundred per cent membership. Burton McCann was elected president of this organization; Cam Landreth, vice-president; and Mrs. T. Lovill Grayson, secretary-treasurer.

### Father Of Sparta Woman Passes

Rev. M. E. N. Caldwell, Father Of Mrs. Richard West, Passes In Troy

Rev. M. E. N. Caldwell, for many years pastor of churches in Stanley and adjoining counties, died last Wednesday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. G. Bandy, of Troy, after a long period of ill health. Rev. Mr. Caldwell was the father of Mrs. Richard L. West, of Sparta.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist church, of Troy. Burial was in Troy cemetery. The rites were in charge of Rev. C. B. Trammell, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. A. W. Shaw, of Troy, and Rev. C. E. Stevens, of Mt. Gilead.

Rev. Mr. Caldwell is survived by his wife, the following children: Mrs. R. L. West, Sparta; Mrs. Milton G. Yates and Mrs. F. A. Gaddy, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. R. G. Bandy, of Troy; J. W. Caldwell, of Wadeville; Paul J. Caldwell, of the U. S. Navy and Spurgeon Caldwell, of Greer, S. C.

Mr. Caldwell was born November 6, 1893, near Delwood in Haywood county, within five miles of Waynesville. He was converted in early manhood and joined the Missionary Baptist church at Johnsons Creek, with Rev. R. E. Santelle as pastor. He soon organized a boys' prayer meeting and also preaching in his home. (Continued on Page 4)

## Christmas Packages Must Be Sent To Men In Service Before Oct. 15, P. O. Advises

Regulations Are Explained And Suggestions Made By Post Office Department

The Christmas shopping season is here—even though the weather is still warm.

Mailing of gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas must begin by September 15, if many of the men and women in our armed services are not to be disappointed; and September 15 is less than two weeks away, post office officials point out.

Christmas gifts may be mailed by parcel post to Army men and women overseas only between September 15 and October 15. After the latter date, such parcels may not be mailed unless a written request from the soldier for the article is presented with each parcel. No soldier should have to ASK for a Christmas gift; so gifts must be mailed on time. The Navy also urges that gifts be mailed between September 15 and October 15.

Reasons for the early mailing dates are: The vast distances that the parcels must travel to reach our men at war fronts and stations the world over; frequent transfers of thousands of men from one location to another, which means forwarding of the mail and consumes additional time; the necessity for giving preference to reinforcements, arms, munitions, medicine and food in allotment of shipping space, which often means that the

### COW KILLED BY LIGHTNING

In the severe electrical storm of last Saturday afternoon, Mr. B. F. Wagoner lost a fine cow by lightning on his Piney Creek farm. Seven cows were in the field at the time, but only one was injured.

## Gen. J. Van B. Metts Explains Re-classification Of Fathers

The following statement was this week issued by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, regarding the re-classification of fathers:

"Recent directives from National Headquarters require the re-classification of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers without regard to their eligibility for a III-A classification. Such registrants who are essential farmers or who are employed in war production or in support of the war effort are in no danger of reclassification. Such registrants whose induction would result in 'extreme hardship or privation' to a wife, parent, or child, may be deferred for dependency in Class III-D. All other registrants now classified in III-A on account of their family status should not be sur-

### School At Glade Valley Opened Tues. Morning

W. C. Thompson Is Principal And Will Teach Vocational Agriculture

Glade Valley high school, a byterian private school, opened its 33rd session on Tuesday of this week, August 31, with a short talk by Rev. R. L. Berry, and a program of patriotic songs. W. C. Thompson, former county superintendent of schools, is principal of the school, and will also teach agriculture.

Rev. C. W. Ervin will resume his post as teacher of history and Bible and dean of boys; R. L. Joines will teach mathematics; Miss Helen Thomas, home economics; Mrs. R. E. Chapman, French and English; Mrs. Ellen A. Guarrant, music, and is also dean of girls. Mrs. E. B. Eldredge will again be dietician and E. B. Eldredge superintendent of the school.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Joines, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Guarrant are all new on the list of faculty members. Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Davidson; Mr. Joines a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers' College, and has done graduate work at the University of North Carolina. Miss Thomas attended Flora McDonald; Mrs. Chapman, Agnes Scott College, and Miss Guarrant, State Teachers' College Conservatory of Music, at Farmville, Va. Mr. Eldredge said here Tuesday, that their girls' dormitory is filled to capacity at present, and he anticipates a successful year for the school.

### W. H. Neal Will Speak To Group; Thompson Chmn.

County Has Goal Of \$88,000; Co-operation Of Everyone Is Asked

There will be a meeting here tomorrow afternoon at the Northwestern Bank at 4:00 o'clock when definite plans will be made for raising Alleghany's quota of \$88,000.00 in the Third War Loan Drive, which opens next Thursday, Sept. 9, Alton Thompson, cashier of the Northwestern Bank and chairman of the drive, announced.

At this time, W. H. Neal, area director of the Third War Loan Drive, will be present and speak to the group, telling of the necessity of raising funds and outlining plans that may be carried out in Alleghany.

Special committees and workers will be appointed by Mr. Thompson. This is an important meeting and all of those interested in putting the drive across, are urged to attend.

Alleghany has made an impressive record in the sale of bonds in the past and while this quota of \$88,000.00 is slightly higher than was given the county for the Second War Loan, leaders feel that it can be reached if everyone will co-operate. "We want the co-operation of every individual in the county," Chairman Thompson said.

### Sparta Firms Remain Open

Quietly; Bank Will Be Closed

Labor Day, September 5, which falls on Sunday, will be observed on Monday in many places as a legal holiday, but Sparta business houses, with the exception of the Northwestern Bank, will remain open. The post office will close at four o'clock in the afternoon instead of six.

It was not learned definitely whether or not the county commissioners would hold their regular first Monday meeting, but since the bank closes for the day it is expected that business of the commissioners will be held over until Tuesday.

### Cattle Buyer Visits County

Representative Of Two State Departments Buying Stock For Shipment

Alleghany county was this week visited by Mr. T. L. Gwyn, of Waynesville, representing the State Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina State Highway Department, in the purchase of high-grade beef cattle for shipment to the eastern part of the state for breeding purposes and to state-owned farms.

Shipments in carload lots are made from the counties west of Asheville under Mr. Gwyn's supervision, to be distributed to eastern farmers. Cattle is also bought from farmers in the area to be used on the state prison farms. Mr. Gwyn is livestock supervisor of Caledonia Farm, in Halifax. (Continued on Page 4)

### Ceiling On Coal To Start Oct. 1

Charlotte — The Charlotte District Office of Price Administration announced this week that dollars-and-cents ceilings on coal sold in this district would become effective October 1.

George F. Thacker, price officer, said that under the new order every dealer would be required to charge the same price for the same grade of coal. He said this system would make it possible to maintain a simple and practical compliance plan. (Continued on Page 4)