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War Bond Drive Reaches \$22,000.00 In Alleghany

Prisoners Make Escape From The Camp Near Here

Officers Still Searching For Sam Wilson And Ed Shew, Who Escaped Tues.

Two prisoners, Sam Wilson and Ed Shew, who were inmates of the State Highway camp at Sparta, made their escape Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 by sawing out a bar of their cell at the camp.

Pretending illness to avoid going out with the gang on road construction, the pair effected their escape, according to reports. Both were long-term prisoners in the camp, which houses only white prisoners, Wilson serving a sentence of from five to seven years for highway robbery, and Shew from 10 to 15 years for second degree murder. Wilson had served all but 18 months of his sentence.

Wilson is described as being 26 years of age, five feet eight inches tall, weight about 128; dark brown hair, gray eyes, ruddy complexion. Shew is five feet five and one-half inches tall, weight 132 pounds. No complete description was given of him. He is a native of Wilkes county. Wilson is from Concord.

An intensive search for the escapees was made Tuesday afternoon and night, but they were still at liberty late Wednesday afternoon.

Will Hold Sale Of Feeder Calves

Department Of Agriculture Will Assist W. Jefferson Livestock Market

West Jefferson — (Special) — Plans are now being completed for the big sale of feeder calves to be held at the West Jefferson Livestock market on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 21, with the cooperation of the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

This will be an excellent opportunity for farmers of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga and other nearby counties to sell their good beef calves and yearlings as a large number of buyers are expected, those in charge pointed out.

The sale will open at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, but farmers are asked to bring their calves to livestock market earlier in the day so that everything will be in readiness for the sale.

Calves and yearlings ranging in weight from 350 to 800 pounds are wanted for the sale, but it was explained that others could probably be handled.

This is the first sale of this type to be held here this season and is expected to attract much attention.

Funeral Rites For Mr. Evans

Died Thursday After Long Illness; Buried At Landmark Saturday

Henry Evans, aged citizen of the Whitehead community, passed away at his home last Thursday, September 9, following a long period of ill health.

Burial was in Landmark church cemetery at Whitehead, following the funeral service Saturday afternoon. Elder Charles Wooten and Raleigh Joiner conducted the religious ceremony.

Surviving Mr. Evans are his widow and six children: Everett Evans, who is now serving in the Marines; Kemp Evans, of Bel Air, Md.; Frank Evans, of Washington, D. C., and Misses Lora, Ruth and Myrtle Evans, of the home; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cary Brown, Raleigh Joiner, Platt Waddell, Glenn Sparks, Kell Crouse, Luther Joiner, Coy Wolfe and Rufus Wagner.

Flower girls were Misses Ruth Crouse, Annie Marie Joiner, Virginia and Dorothy Wagner, Edith Crouse, Lou Reid Waddell and Doris Billings.

All the children were present for the funeral except Cpl. Evans, who was unable to leave his post of duty in Washington, D. C.

Americans Battle Desperately Here



At Salerno, just below Naples, the American forces are locked in a desperate battle with the Germans. Farther south, the British Eighth Army report the capture of Cosenza, this week.

Game Regulations Cited For Alleghany County; Squirrel Season Opened This Week

N. C. Hereford Breeders Met With Doughton

J. H. Doughton Host To The Group; Inspection Of Farm Made By Visitors

The North Carolina Hereford Breeders' Association held its annual directors' meeting at the home of Mr. J. H. Doughton, Wednesday night, and on Thursday, members of the group, with a few county citizens, were guests of Mr. Doughton at a barbecue lunch and an inspection trip over his farm at Laurel Springs.

Geo. W. Pate, of Rowland, is president of the group, with Mr. Doughton, vice-president and Dr. J. M. Lynch, secretary-treasurer. Directors include Mr. Pate, Dr. Lynch, John Long, C. T. Francis.

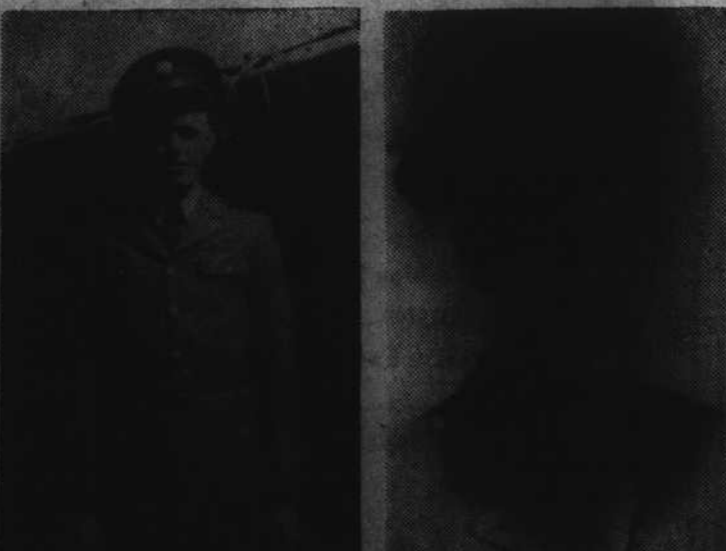
Fall Fatal To Sidden Youth

Howard Sidden, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sidden, died in a hospital last week as a result of a skull fracture suffered when he fell 18 feet from an open window.

Burial was in Glade Creek church cemetery. Surviving are his parents, and one brother, Dwayne Sidden, his grandparents and many other relatives.

Flower girls at the funeral service were: Gwendolyn Blevins, Shirley Blevins, Ruby Sidden, Madge Edwards, Bobbie Edwards, assisted by Roger Hendrix.

Alleghany Men In Service



Sgt. Oscar K. Crouse, left, entered the army January 29, 1941, and has been overseas since April, 1942. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Crouse, of Sparta, and a grandson of Mrs. Mat Reynolds. Pvt. Jesse E. Watson, right, is now stationed overseas. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, of Sparta. He took his basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Announce Change In Office Hours Of Draft Board

Group Left Today For Army; Name Those Previously Accepted For Service

Mrs. Mexa Phipps, clerk of Selective Service Board No. 1 in Alleghany county, has announced that in accordance with a nationwide course of procedure, the doors of the local office will be closed at one o'clock each afternoon, beginning on Monday, September 20, through September 30th.

The purpose of the closing is to make a thorough and complete survey of each registration on file, in order to properly classify them under the new regulations governing Selective Service.

Boys who become 18 years of age are requested to register with the board between the hours of 8:30 and 12:00 noon, as are other registrants who wish information concerning their draft status.

A group left Sparta today for physical examination preliminary to induction, and four boys who were accepted in the last group left to enter service. The group included Fred Roberts, Claude Dancy, Bale Billings, and Dean Mac Bell, a brother of Walter Bell, who is held a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines.

Union Baptists Will Hold Ass'n Friday, Saturday

Two-day Session Is Planned By Church This Week End

The Union Baptist Association will be held Friday and Saturday of this week at Pleasant Grove church, near Laurel Springs.

C. S. McKnight is moderator of the association, and J. R. Miles, clerk. Churches to be represented include Cherry Lane, Saddle Mountain, Glade Creek, Liberty, Mt. Union, Pleasant Home, Whitehead and Welcome Home, and the host church.

A large delegation is expected to attend the two-day session.

AAA Material Is Available Here

A limited allocation of additional 1943 program funds had been made to the East Central Region for the purpose and distribution of 1943 conservation materials, AAA Secretary Arthur Gambill, has announced. This material will be furnished as "1943 supplementary materials" and the materials so furnished any farm and properly used before December 31, 1943 will not be charged against the farm's 1944 production practice allowance, it was explained.

Materials for which orders have been approved as 1944 materials will be considered as "1943 supplementary materials." Orders will be taken for lime and phosphate from farmers who have already earned their 1943 production practice allowance, it was stated.

Miss Plonk To Be With FSA Here

Replaces Miss Sedberry In Work; Is Trained And Experienced

Miss Martha Plonk has been transferred from Mitchell county to Alleghany by the Farm Security Administration to fill the vacancy left in the organization when Miss Mildred Sedberry was transferred to Watauga county.

Miss Plonk is a native of Cleveland county, and is a graduate of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, and has been working with the Farm Security Administration for the past two years. She was connected with this work in Ashe county for several years.

Tribute To Fallen Attu Heroes



On a lonely strand of land on the far northern island of Attu, wreaths are placed on the graves of fallen American fighters as a bugler blows taps.

Americans Wage Big Battle At Salerno; Russians Still Gain

Officers Named At REA Meeting On Saturday P. M.

R. C. Halsey, Of Alleghany, Is Named Vice-president Of Co-op

At the annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, held in Lenoir on Saturday afternoon, officers for the coming year were named and other matters discussed.

Clyde Perry of Watauga county, was elected president, replacing G. W. Sullivan, who becomes head of the board of directors; R. C. Halsey, of Alleghany county, vice-president; A. G. Beach, of Caldwell, re-elected secretary-treasurer; G. F. Messick, of Caldwell, re-elected superintendent; Max C. Wilson, of Caldwell, re-elected attorney. The following directors were named:

A. G. Beach, Lenoir; D. R. Moore, Granite Falls; G. W. Sullivan, Yadkin Valley; C. C. Foy.

Former Native Pays Visit Here

Mr. R. A. Truitt, of Galax, Va., has been spending several days in Sparta, a guest of Dr. B. O. Choate, Dr. L. P. Choate and Mr. A. V. Choate and their families.

A native of Alleghany, having been born within two miles of Sparta, Mr. Truitt said he had not spent a night in Sparta for 43 years, until his visit here last week. He left Alleghany in 1900 for California, then spent some time in Florida returning to Galax to make his home. Now retired, Mr. Truitt was connected with a railway company in Galax for several years.

First Coupons In New Ration Books Became Valid This Wk.

Washington — The first coupons in the new Ration Book No. 3 became valid this week, its brown "A" stamps now being good for rationed meats, fats, oil and butter.

They will remain valid through October 2, and, under the overlapping changeover procedure announced by the Office of Price Administration, the remaining X, Y and Z stamps in Book 2 are also good during the same period.

Officials of the OPA cautioned against carelessly throwing away Books 1 and 2 because coupons are now valid in Book 3. There are still a lot of good stamps in the first two books.

Book 1 stamps are still expendable for shoes and sugar. The blue points in Book 2 are good for processed foods other than

Allies Make Progress Against Japanese In Southwest Pacific

American and British troops fought hand to hand last night with elements of three crack German divisions on the Salerno bridgehead as Field Marshal Albert Kesselring made a supreme effort to drive the fifth army into the sea.

During the day and into the night allied warships poured out everything from machinegun bullets to shell fire to help protect the narrow beachhead extending 24 miles south of Salerno, and the entire fifth army was engaged in a grim battle.

The Mediterranean was alive with ships and planes as the allies poured reserves into the Italian fighting under the direct supervision of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Following German announcement of the abandonment of Bryansk, Moscow declared yesterday that the Red army had cut the Crimean railroad north of Melitopol by a swift mechanized thrust across the flatlands of the Southern Ukraine.

The Red banner now has been carried back half way from Rostov to Odessa.

Still ignoring the German announcement of the Nazi withdrawal from the key rail city of Bryansk, a supplement to the Russian midnight communique

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ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT NEW HOPE

Rev. Richard L. West preached Sunday afternoon at New Hope Baptist church, and following the service, a Sunday School was organized.

Mrs. Ruth Choate is superintendent, and Mrs. Carrie Mitchell, secretary. The public is cordially invited to attend the school.

Much More Must Be Raised Yet; Far Below Quota

All Groups Are Asked To Double Their Efforts In Order To Reach Quota

Alleghany county ended the first week of the Third War Loan Drive with around \$22,000, reported yesterday afternoon from sources of sales.

This leaves \$66,000.00 of the county's quota of \$88,000.00 yet to be raised.

Sources of sales report that there have been a large number of small bonds sold with the largest purchase totalling \$4,000. There were two \$3,000.00 bonds reported sold as well as several \$1,000.00 denomination.

Much interest is reported and Alton Thompson, chairman of the drive, urges everyone to co-operate by buying bonds before the final days of the drive in order to raise the quota now and to avoid last minute rushes.

On Wednesday night a picture was shown at the Sparta theatre regarding bonds and a short talk was made by Mayor Floyd Crouse.

No reports have come in from the schools as yet but it is understood that many of the students are working toward the prizes offered.

NCEA Group Will Meet On Tues.

Units From Four Counties To Hold Fall Planning Meeting At Jefferson

West Jefferson — (Special) — Plans are now being completed for the Fall Leadership Conference of the N. C. Educational Association of this area to be held at Jefferson on Tuesday afternoon in the auditorium of Jefferson high school, at 3:00 o'clock.

There are twenty-two similar meetings to be held throughout North Carolina this fall and the units of the NCEA expected to attend the meeting here include those of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes and Alleghany.

This is the first time a meeting of this kind has been held in Ashe county.

The program will be arranged by the North Carolina Educational Association and is expected to cover some of the wartime activities of the schools as well as problems arising from the war.

SA OFFICE TO BE OPEN TUESDAY, FRIDAY

Van P. Miller, Farm Security Administrator for Alleghany county, announced here this week that the office in the courthouse will be open each Tuesday and Friday of the week, for transactions of business.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

So long as a soldier can eat and drink up disparaging names for his equipment the Army will do all right. Food is either "beans," or "chow."



"Chow" may consist of a well cooked meal or it may consist of a few pieces of hardtack and a few pieces of "chow." The Army will do all right. Food is either "beans," or "chow."

With millions of men and women in the service it will require a lot of "chow" to keep them happy.

D. S. Tinsley, Department