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\$496. More Needed In War Fund Drive

Gambill Is Made Tax Supervisor; Listers Named

Appointments Announced By County Commissioners Who Met Monday

The county tax supervisor and the tax listers for the coming year were announced today by the Alleghany county commissioners, who held their regular monthly meeting, Monday.

J. C. Gambill was appointed county tax supervisor and the following were appointed as listers: Gap Civil, J. C. Gambill; Glade Creek, A. L. Coomes; Cherry Lane, DeWitt T. Bryan; Whitehead, Ed Hoppers; Cranberry, Horton Miller; Prather's Creek, Charlie Mitchell and Piney Creek, Guy Perry.

They also announced that the tax listers are to meet with the county commissioners on Monday, December 6 at 10 o'clock to receive their instructions for the listing of 1944 taxes, which will begin January 1.

John W. Poole Buried Tuesday

Died At His Home At Twin Oaks On Sunday At The Age Of 74

Funeral service for John Wiley Poole, 74, who died at his home in the Twin Oaks community, Sunday morning, following a short illness, was conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at New Haven church, Rev. John A. Reed and Rev. W. H. Handy, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Poole and twelve children: Hurley, Dillon and Willie Lee; of Sparta; Jim and Corbett, of Montcalm, West Va.; Robert, of Aberdeen, Md.; Pvt. Omar Poole, stationed at Camp House, Texas; Laro, Clyde, Ada, Mrs. R. A. Reed and Mrs. Robert Green, all of Sparta. Also surviving are twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were: James, Kyle, Ralph and Donald Poole; Ted and Maynard Reed and Floyd and Dodge Sexton.

Flower girls were: Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Ethel, Virginia, Lucy Mae, Alice Kathern and Norma (Continued on Page 4).

Howard Hoppers Is Hurt By Fall

Howard Hoppers, of Sparta, sustained a broken foot, Friday, when the ladder on which he was standing overturned, throwing him on a cement floor. X-rays showed the bones broken in three places.

Mr. Hoppers was employed at the D. and P. Pipe Factory.

Permits Given By Ration Board

Certificates for rationed items issued this week announced by Mrs. Susie O. Fleetwood, clerk of the ration board are as follows. Cooking stoves: Taft Higgins and Jack Napier; heating stoves: W. A. Coomes, F. A. Edwards and Reid Hampton.

Rubber, boots: John W. Jarvis and F. B. Caudill.

Grade I passenger tires: M. A. Goodman, Bruce Whiteley, Elmer Bedsaul, L. F. Caudill, W. E. Hicks and Reid Hampton.

Grade III passenger tires: Wiley Combs, R. L. Hickerson, Taft Higgins, J. B. Reed, E. L. Williams, John Grubb, Winfred Choate, Bayse Jarvis, Astor Joiner and J. S. Landreth.

Car tires: Winfred Choate, R. L. Hickerson, Taft Higgins, Bayse Jarvis, N. C. Jones, Elizabeth Andrews, Creed Fender, Herbert Osborne and Clay Roberts.

Truck tires: Clifford Brooks, H. J. Douglas, C. A. Miles and Rex Mitchell.

Truck tubes: H. J. Douglas and S. B. McCann.

Truck retreats: John Hamm, Homer Joiner, W. H. Nance, J. Nathan Royal and M. H. Scott.

Long Distance Raiders In England



Pictured at a U. S. bomber base somewhere in England is one of the American bombing crews which have been shuttling back and forth across Germany. Left to right, Sergt. Thomas E. Therrien, Lieut. Henry F. Welfare, Lieut. Earnest B. Wilson, Lieut. Henry E. Nojdlya, Sergt. Richard Nobgoog, Sergt. Harold Insdorf and an unidentified crew member.

6,547 War Ration Books 4 Issued In County By Schools

Those Who Have Not Secured Theirs May Still Apply To Board

It was announced this week that a total of 6,547 of War Ration Books 4 had been issued in Alleghany through the schools.

Due to a scarcity of new ration books, Sparta high school was not able to take care of the public registration Thursday, and therefore many people did not secure the new Book No. 4.

Mrs. Susie O. Fleetwood urged that all those persons who have not secured book No. 4, should bring their No. 3 ration books to the local rationing office and fill out the application for the new book as soon as possible.

Ration Book Four is now being used for processed foods and sugar. A complete rationing guide is published elsewhere in the paper.

It is anticipated that tokens may be used in the near future with Ration Book 4. This will aid in making change and will eliminate worry on the part of the shopper having trouble in making points turn out conveniently.

FSA Supervisors To Meet Friday

Miss Martha Plonk, FSA home supervisor of Alleghany, and Miss Lenna Gambill, who holds this position in Ashe county, will attend the meeting in Asheville on Friday when Miss Gertrude Drinker, regional chief of home management, will discuss home nursing and care of the sick. The Asheville meeting is one of the four to be held throughout the state for the 80 FSA home supervisors.

Public Is Urged To Post All Christmas Mail Early

It was announced this week by the U. S. postal service that Christmas gifts, and mail, should be mailed during the month of November. It was pointed out that there can be no assurance, in view of the unavoidable handicaps of war, that gifts and cards mailed in the weeks immediately preceding Christmas will be delivered on time.

Such matter must not impede the movement of war materials and personnel and military mail, it was explained. Transportation facilities are heavily burdened. The number of railway cars and airplanes available for handling Christmas mail is far below that of former years. Facilities are not available to transport and deliver, in the last three weeks before Christmas, the tremendous

Coal Strike Is Called Off When Pay Is Boosted

Agreement Reached After 2 Day Conference; Government Wage Contracts

Washington — United Mine Workers' President John L. Lewis, last night called off the strike of 530,000 coal miners, effective immediately, after concluding government wage contracts with Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes providing more money for both soft coal and anthracite workers.

The agreements, stemming from two days of conferences, stipulate:

For bituminous miners—a basic wage of \$8.50 for 8½ hours of work including underground travel time. To meet conditions fixed by the War Labor Board in rejecting the original U. M. W.-Illinois contract on those terms. Lewis agreed to reduce the minimum wage to \$7.50 (Continued on Page 4)

Accept 7 County Men For Service

Of the seventeen men who went to Camp Croft last Tuesday for induction into military service, seven were accepted.

Inducted into the Army were: Grant M. Harless, Jr., Donald Rush Kennedy and Thomas Graham Pugh. Accepted for the Navy were: Henry Hudson Vanhoy, Amos Kilby Choate, Rudolph Camet Edwards and Lonnie Lee Edwards.

Ed M. Anderson Is Praised For NEA, WPB Work

Item About His Work Last Month Featured In State Press Paper

In the October issue of the North Carolina Press Association bulletin a news item entitled, "Anderson Praised," was featured on the front page in bold face type. It stated:

"Ed M. Anderson, publisher of five Western North Carolina weeklies, was given high praise by Senator Bankhead, sponsor of the Senate Bill for War Bond advertising, and by National Editorial Association officials for the excellent manner in which he as chairman of the N. E. A. Legislative committee prepared and conducted the 'case' for the newspapers in the hearing before the Senate on Banking and Currency in Washington during the third week in October. It was a difficult assignment, but how well it was carried through by Chairman Anderson and members of his committee, newspaper men who went to Washington from every section of the country, was indicated by the favorable report given the bill, the 'out' vote by the committee being 11 to 5. If it passes the Senate, the House committee will be the next 'battle line'."

At a meeting of the advisory council of the National Editorial Association in Chicago, Mr. Anderson was also highly commended for his work on the advisory committee of the printing and publishing division of the War Production Board.

Mr. Anderson is publisher of this newspaper.

Sparta Is Winner Over Piney Creek

Proceeds Of Game Donated To United War Fund Of County

The Sparta All-Stars triumphed over the Piney Creek girls with a score of 27 to 24, in the play-off game, held Wednesday night at the Sparta gymnasium. Proceeds of the game, which amounted to \$16.90, went to the United War Fund.

Richardson scored 15 points, Johnson, 10, and Bedwell, 2, for Sparta. Scores for Piney Creek were: Marie Billings, 11, Weaver, 10 and Ruby Billings, 3.

In the boy's game, Piney Creek lost to Sparta with a score of 18-30.

The proceeds, which went to the War Fund, was considered a donation by both the Piney Creek and Sparta schools.

McCann To Go To District Meeting

Other Teachers Of County Urged By Supt. Fields To Attend

B. F. McCann, president of the Alleghany chapter of the NCEA, will attend a preliminary meeting of the district NCEA conference, at the Robert E. Lee hotel in Winston-Salem, Monday night when all state NCEA presidents will be the guests of the association at dinner.

Mr. McCann will remain for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 9. Miss Clyde Fields, county superintendent, and other representatives from Alleghany county will attend the meeting, Tuesday.

"We have been advised by the state department of education that any teacher who wishes to teach half the day and go to the meeting in the afternoon, is permitted to do so without making up that school day," Miss Fields stated.

She also explained that since the state department would not allow the schools to count the day as a holiday, the teachers who want to attend the meeting and make up the day later, are not only allowed but are urged to do so.

Retaliating Against Japs On Wake



One of several planes of a U. S. carrier task force which rained tons of bombs on Japanese forces at Wake island. This plane is about to dip earthward with a 1,000-pound bomb in dropping position.

Allies Move Ahead In Italy; Russians Capture Key Town

Jap Fleet Trying To Halt Allied Invasion Is Driven Off By Navy

Meeting with strong resistance, the allied forces continue to make gains in Italy this week. The Russians, too, are still pushing the Germans back and have retaken several key positions.

Launching a heavy attack on the core of the German defense line across Italy, the Fifth Army has captured "important positions" on towering Maseo Ridge and Matese Mountain in the face of fierce enemy resistance, the Allied command announced yesterday, and a spokesman described the Nazi wall before Rome as "severely shaken."

American troops of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Salerno Army, fighting forward through rugged, rain-soaked terrain, won a good part of Matese, the lofty peak that dominates the upper Volturno Valley, while British units (Continued on Page 4)

Army Deserters Are Caught Here

Benjamin F. Rector, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rector and Benny McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McMillan, were arrested on Monday by Sheriff Jesse Moxley and Patrolman Richard Griggs for deserting the army. Patrolman Griggs carried them to the Charlotte airport, where they were turned over to military authorities.

Rector, who was stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., had overstayed his leave three weeks. This was the second time he had been arrested for desertion.

McMillan, who was stationed at Fort Deposit, Va., had also been arrested before on the same charge, according to reports.

Plans Are Being Made To Collect Waste Paper, Fats

R. E. Black, chairman of the county salvage committee, announced today that plans are being made to collect waste paper from the business houses and from individuals in Sparta. He urged that those persons having paper which they wish to donate to get that paper ready and they will be notified later this week by the Boy Scouts where to put it so it can be picked up by a truck.

Those people outside Sparta in other parts of the county should contact Dr. T. R. Burgess if they have waste paper which they wish to donate.

The paper donated will be sold by the salvage committee, the proceeds to go to the United War Fund, Mr. Black announced. He also stated that any com-

Moxley Is Chmn. Of Draft Board; Rules Announced

Raymond Miles Has Resigned And George Royal Added To Board

Sheriff Jesse Moxley has been appointed chairman of the Alleghany county draft board following the resignation of Raymond Miles, who has served as chairman for the past eleven months, it was announced.

George Royal, of Roaring Gap, has been added as a member of the board.

The Local Board No. 1 now consists of the following: Jess Moxley, Chairman, Carl Douglas, A. C. Edwards and George Royal, members.

This board has adopted the following rules which they wish to call to the attention of the public:

1st, that they will not discuss any registrant's classification except at the regular meeting of the board; any other procedure is (Continued on Page 4)

County Health Dept. Is Praised

Miss Mabel Patton, of the state board of health in Raleigh, has been working with Miss Ola Collins, Alleghany county health nurse, this week. Miss Patton highly complimented the local health department for the fine work it has been doing in the county.

Miss Patton and Miss Collins attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Public Health association at the Sir Walter Raleigh hotel, in Raleigh, on October 25 and 26.

Plan To Close Drive On Monday November 15th

\$632.00 Now Raised On County's Quota Of \$1,128.00; Co-operation Urged

Late reports received yesterday afternoon reveal that Alleghany is still short \$496.00 of the United War Fund quota of \$1,128.00, with only a little more than a week left in the time originally scheduled for the drive.

Dr. T. R. Burgess, chairman, pointed out that all who have not contributed to this worthy cause should do so at once in order that the quota may be raised before the drive ends, Nov. 15.

Plans are being made for a big rally day to be held, Nov. 13. Details of this are to be announced next week.

Reports have only been received from a few sections of the county and it is felt that when these come in, the total contributions will be much nearer the quota. Schools, churches and other groups in the county are (Continued on Page 4)

1st Lt. Cox Wins Three Medals

Fox Virginia Man Missing Since Feb. 8 Awarded Three Medals

First Lieutenant Robert Aris Cox of the Fox community, missing in action since February 8, has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious performance of duties.

The young bomber pilot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cox, were notified by the War Department that the awards would be sent to them since Lt. Cox is missing.

The message said the Air Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster was being awarded by the commanding general of the Twelfth Air Force and that a second Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded by the commanding general of the Northwest African Air Force. Lt. Cox was stationed in the North African area.

An officer of a nearby air corps base will make the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Cox, the message asserted. Lt. Cox attended V. P. I. and entered pilot training November 5, 1941.

N. C. Motorists To Get New Tags

North Carolina motorists will have brand new license plates for 1944, rather than the mere tab that was used this year, and distribution will start Dec. 1.

The new plate will be the same size as that used in 1942, and will carry orange letters and numerals on a black background—exactly the reverse of the 1942 color scheme.

Only one plate will be required, that on the front of the car, it was announced.

Rationing Guide

(Clip this and carry along when shopping)

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 2 blue, stamps X, Y, and E valid through Nov. 29; book 4 green stamps A, B, and C good until Dec. 29.

MEATS — Brown stamps G and H good until Dec. 4.

SUGAR — Stamp No. 29 in Book 4 good for five pounds of sugar until Jan. 15. The stamp is marked "sugar."

SHOES—No. 18 coupon now good for indefinite period. No. 1 "Airplane" stamp in War Ration Book No. 3 now valid.

FUEL OIL — Period No. 1 coupons now in use and will expire Jan. 3, 1944. (All definite value coupons, sometimes known as change-making coupons, are good any time.)

GASOLINE — 6-A coupons good for three gallons each and expire Nov. 5, 3 and C coupons worth two gallons. (Continued on Page 4)