



Hallowe'en turned out to be a very gala affair in Sparta last Saturday night, with goblins and ghosts and witches wandering up and down the streets, ringing bells, blowing horns and writing notices on all the store windows with what faintly resembled "soap". Perhaps Mr. C. R. Roe can tell you exactly what the goblins were using for pencils, since they left their mark on the windows and windshield of his car, as well as many others.

Some goblin (or group of goblins) really had a bright idea when they incorporated the names of Sparta and Independence. It seems to have been a fairly simple matter with no lawyers or courts connected. He, she or it (whatever you call goblins) merely brought the sign "Independence Corporate Limits" and placed it beside the "Sparta Corporate Limits" sign. The only thing that confuses us is the fact that one of the towns is in North Carolina and the other in Virginia.

Mr. Silas Nichols is very perplexed by a notice the goblins left for him on the mail box outside the post office. It read in bold letters "Do not open until December 25th."

Sunday morning, Mrs. Bessie Reeves hurriedly removed a sign she found in front of Four Oaks Tavern which read "No Parking Reserved for Patients".

Mrs. T. E. Edwards, of Newport News, Va., writes in a letter renewing her subscription that she doesn't want to miss a single copy of The News. "I really enjoy reading that paper", she says.

It seems that there was a shortage of new No. 4 ration books at Sparta high school Thursday, the last day for public registration. Miss Clemel Richardson suggested that perhaps they had started rationing "ration books".

**Pleasant Grove News**

Mrs. Johnson Caudill and daughter visited Mrs. George Cleary, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brinegar.

Mr. Ben Ebevins spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Cal Richardson.

Ben Osborne spent the week end visiting in Wilkes county.

Mrs. Cal Richardson spent Sunday with her mother at Whitehead.

Misses Grace Petty and Grace Brinegar spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowers visited their daughter, Belle Petty, Sunday.

Miss Reba Upchurch spent Tuesday night with Misses Hadd and Belle Brinegar.

Mrs. Jane Cleary visited Mrs. Will Edwards, Tuesday.

**LARD TO BE USED IN MAKING OF SOAP**

Washington — Lard — a food item under civilian rationing since April — now is to be used in the manufacture of soap, to head off soap rationing.

Lard supplies have reached a point where government officials consider it advisable to so divert considerable quantities, and about 200,000,000 pounds have been allotted to soap makers during the past few weeks by the war food administration.

Lard normally is used only to a very limited extent in soap-making or other industrial products.

Plans are being made to make additional quantities, possibly as much as 400,000,000 pounds — available for soap making during the next 12 months. Such allocations would depend on the availability of supplies to meet present civilian ration allowances and military and lend-lease requirements.

Calling prices for 13 fresh vegetables at "country shipping points" are being announced by the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration.



...from our graves  
**WE THANK YOU**

*We died in the London Blitz, or was it Chungking...or Stalingrad? Our children were left behind...without care and shelter. Do you wonder we have worried so?*

*Now we are at peace for we know they are warm with good clothing. Their little bodies are getting strong again. They even laugh again. It is for this we thank you...for the mercy and generosity of your dollars.*

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Good old American dollars...your dollars, Mrs. MacDonald...your dollars, Mr. Greenbaum. Silver dollars from California...hard-bitten dollars from the farm country...toil-won dollars from laboring men...crackling new bills from Fifth Avenue. Yes, your dollars have wrought miracles of human love and compassion.

They have healed broken bodies, fed the hungry and sheltered the homeless on all the United Nations Fronts. They have provided hospitals, nursing homes, doctors

and medicine...here and abroad.

They have helped care for the needy in your own home area...people who have been left behind on the home front while their sons or fathers are off at war.

They have brought cheer and "home" to the men in our Armed Forces through the splendid work of the USO.

They have given the "barbed wire legion," the war prisoners of all nations, a new lease on life.

Seventeen great services are now a part of the National War Fund, which is joined with our community's own war fund, thus making an efficient over-all organization serving on all three fronts...the Military Front, the United Nations Front and the Home Front. This year instead of giving many times to these different agencies, you give just once. So give generously; give all your heart can spare.

Give ONCE  
for ALL these

- USO
- United Seamen's Service
- War Prisoners Aid
- Belgian War Relief Society
- British War Relief Society
- French Relief Fund
- Friends of Luxembourg
- Greek War Relief Association
- Norwegian Relief
- Polish War Relief
- Queen Wilhelmina Fund
- Russian War Relief
- United China Relief
- United Czechoslovak Relief
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