

Red Cross Board To Hold Meeting Friday, Dec. 10

Officers Will Be Named; Rev. R. L. Berry Is Present County Chairman

Plans were made Friday night at a meeting of the Alleghany Red Cross executive board, for the annual Red Cross meeting to be held in the community building, Friday night, December 10, at 8 o'clock, where an election will be held to elect executive officers for the coming year.

Rev. R. L. Berry, present chairman of the Red Cross for Alleghany, has handed in his resignation. Rev. Mr. Berry has served as the Alleghany chairman for the past seven years.

Appointed as a nominating committee were Mrs. Dalton Warren, R. E. Black and Floyd Crouse.

Miss Mary Phillips, Red Cross field director from Alexandria, Va., and Rev. John S. Jordan, of West Jefferson, are expected to be present for the meeting.

In addition to the election of executive officers, any other matters pertaining to the Red Cross will be taken up at the meeting, Rev. Mr. Berry announced.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

School Faculty Lost To Pupils

Much Interest In Basketball Game Played Here Yesterday Afternoon

Several members of the Sparta high school faculty donned uniforms Wednesday afternoon for a basketball game with the high school girls' team, before an excited group of spectators, the faculty losing by a score of 24-41.

Playing on the faculty team were: guards: B. E. McCann, Miss Edna Edwards and Miss Minnie Lou Edwards; forwards: C. R. Roe, Rev. R. L. Berry and Miss Eula Kennedy. Substitutes were Mrs. Flora Dutton and Mrs. Joe Howell.

The Sparta high school girls defeated the Glade Valley high school girls, Tuesday night, 39-6. Smith scored 20 points, Carico 15 and Burgess 4 for Sparta.

Also playing Tuesday night were the Sparta All-Stars and the Independence All-Stars, Sparta winning 21-13.

SCHEDULE FOR H. D. CLUBS IS ANNOUNCED

Miss Frances Capel, home demonstration agent, announced the following schedule for the week of December 2:

The Zion H. D. club will meet December 2 at 2 p. m., at the home of Mrs. George Caudill.

The Elk Creek club will meet December 3 at 2 p. m., at the home of Mrs. R. L. Landreth.

Christmas parties will be held at the two club meetings when members will exchange inexpensive gifts.

On December 4 at 2 p. m., the ladies of the Wolf Branch community are invited to meet at the school house for the purpose of organizing a home demonstration club there.

Americans Gaining In Pacific; Berlin Is Shattered By Bombs

MAKES RECORD



Pfc. Colonel C. Brown has recently qualified as a marksman in a marksmanship contest at Stinson Field, Texas, where he is now stationed. Pfc. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, of Piney Creek. He entered the Army Air Corps in November, 1942.

42 County Men Are Placed In I-A By Local Board

Five Are Grouped In 4-F; A List Of Classifications Is Published

The local board announced classifications of men for military service this week, when 42 men were placed in I-A. Five men were placed in 4-F.

In I-A are: Walter R. Maxwell, Emerson E. Wilson, William C. Thompson, Roscoe C. Collins, Bradie J. Crouse, Robert E. Dixon, John E. Bryant, John D. Higgins, Clay W. Roberts, John F. Myers, Harry H. Choate, Palmer S. Walls, Irwin W. Roberts, Leo S. Roberts, Reid E. Fender, Johnny O. Long, John R. Ed. (Continued on Page 4)

Plan To Start School Lunches

Plans for the opening of the lunch room in Sparta high school are being held up because of the failure to secure a supervisor for the project, C. R. Roe, principal, announced this week.

"It is hoped that the lunch room will be in operation soon," he stated. However there will be no definite plans made until after the Thanksgiving holidays.

According to reports, everything is in readiness for the program to proceed when the services of a supervisor can be secured.

"We are doing everything we can to get the program started as soon as possible," Mr. Roe stated.

14 Billion Goal Is Set For 4th War Loan Drive In Jan.

Washington—The Fourth War Loan Drive, with a goal of \$14,000,000,000, will begin January 18 and run until February 15, Secretary Morgenthau announced.

The three previous drives raised more than \$50,000,000,000, and each exceeded its goal.

The Treasury head said State war financing committees have been strengthened and expanded, and millions of volunteer salesmen will carry the campaign to every individual investor in homes and plants throughout the nation.

Major emphasis will be placed on the \$5,500,000,000 quota for individuals. During the period from January 18 to February 1 only sales to individuals will be reported to the Treasury. Sales to other non-banking investors will be included in the reports beginning February 1.

Morgenthau explained that this arrangement will not preclude the

Russians Are Forecast To Make Slight Withdrawals In North Ukraine

The U. S. Marines came to the front this week in definite gains made in the central Pacific. In Europe, Berlin received the heaviest bombing of the war and the Canadians put a stop to heavy German attack in Italy.

Success of the first American offensive of the war in the central Pacific is assured, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced triumphantly yesterday.

Already the 27th division has captured Makin atoll. The capture of Tarawa, where the Marines have consolidated their positions, is certain. Amphibious forces cracked the beach defenses of both places last Saturday.

The situation on Abemama atoll, 80 miles south of Tarawa, was reported well in hand. The Marines' landing there was announced only yesterday.

An excellent bomber field within striking distance of strong Japanese bases in the Marshall islands to the north will become available with the capture of Tarawa. Fighting on Tarawa was believed to be confined to Betio island, which has air base facilities. The enemy is strongly entrenched on Betio, at the southwestern tail of Tarawa atoll. The island is a sand waste less than two miles long and about a thousand yards wide.

The marines were making good progress on Betio, where it was indicated they had landed on the western end of the islet and had pushed the Nipponese back to the eastern portion.

Charging before a back-drop of (Continued on Page 4)

Slight Increases In Price Ceilings On Canned Goods

New Prices Will Go Into Effect Today; Changes Are Small

The third revision of community price ceilings for Ashe and other counties in this part of the State will go into effect Thanksgiving Day, bringing slight increases in the prices of certain groceries—primarily canned vegetables and fruits—and small decreases in the case of some other items.

Local Office of Price Administration authorities said in releasing the new schedules that price increases will probably outnumber price slashes, but pointed out that in each case the change will be small—about one or two cents.

Some brands of butter will be reduced one cent a pound, from 52 to 51 cents in Class 1 and 2 stores, but at least one brand will be raised one cent.

Banana prices are to remain stationary at 13 cents a pound for Group 1 and 2 stores. Prices on some brands of cheese will come (Continued on Page 4)

Plenty To Be Thankful For



AAA Community Committeemen To Be Named Soon

Schedule Is Given; Farmers Are Urged To Take Part In Election

Beginning December 1, elections are to be held to elect community committeemen for the AAA for the coming year, it was announced today. Elections will also be held for delegates to attend the county convention for the purpose of electing the County AAA Committeemen, made up of three members and two alternates.

A representative from the AAA office will be present to conduct the meetings and elections.

The farmers will receive notices at a later date from the AAA office telling the exact voting place in each community. Following is a schedule of the meetings to be held:

Wednesday, December 1, 10:30 (Continued on Page 4)

Hunting Season Is Opened Today

Sportsmen Are Urged To Take Care In The Prevention Of Forest Fires

Alleghany sportsmen, fortunate enough to have ammunition, will probably celebrate by hunting today as the season opens for quail, grouse and rabbits.

Dick Gentry, who is county game warden, said that rabbits could be bought and sold on any market in the state, this year, during the season of November 25 to February 10.

The season on grouse is from November 25 to January 1, and on quail, November 25 to February 10. "There is a fine for selling or buying grouse or quail in this county," an official said.

"If the dry weather continues through the hunting season, I would like to urge that everyone be careful about forest fires, as this would cause much loss to game, as well as valuable property," he said.

More Received For War Fund

Final Figures Reveal County Raises \$212.00 More Than Quota Of \$1,125.00

Alleghany county went over the top in the United War Fund Drive this week, with donations reaching \$1,340.00, Chairman T. S. Burgess has reported. This figure is an excess of \$215.00 over the assigned quota of \$1,125.00.

The quota was reached last Monday when the drive officially ended but some contributions had not been turned in at that time.

Little Pine school announced her contribution of \$175.00 this week. Glade Valley contributed \$60.00 and Rich Hill school turned in \$7.00.

Chairman Burgess again expressed his appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the (Continued on Page 4)

Over 6,000 Turkeys Sold In County For Around \$23,478.00

Sparta To Meet Mt. Airy Here This Afternoon

Local Football Team Lost To Mount Airy Last Week In Good Game There

Sparta high school Yellow Jackets will have another chance at the strong Mount Airy team here this afternoon at 2:30 on the local field in the last game of the season.

A large crowd is expected since most of the business houses will be closed for Thanksgiving. Mount Airy High Reserves de (Continued on Page Four)

County Teachers To Meet Friday

Alleghany county teachers will attend an informal get-together meeting at the community building in Sparta, Friday, December 3, at 7 o'clock, when dinner will be served by the Sparta Woman's club, B. F. McCann, president of the NCEA, announced this week.

In addition to the teachers, a number of other people connected with the schools of the county are expected to attend the meeting, which will be of a social as well as business nature. Approximately 85 teachers and guests are expected to attend.

Many Are Shipped To Distant Points For Use On Thanksgiving

Thousands of Alleghany turkeys will really do their bit in the war effort today as they grace the tables of army camps, while others will reign on the feast tables in homes all along the Atlantic seaboard.

Unofficial estimates placed the number of these prize Thanksgiving fowls bought and sent out of the county the past week end at around 6,020. The turkeys were shipped out by motor and rail to many distant points.

These fowls averaged around 12 pounds in weight and brought an average of 32½ cents per pound. The total estimated income realized by turkey growers of the county who placed theirs on the market last week end is estimated at \$23,478.00. This was the highest price growers have (Continued on Page 4)

Most Schools Taking Holidays

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of public schools, announced today that some schools in Alleghany county were taking two days for the Thanksgiving holidays, leaving them seven days for the Christmas holidays. Some schools are taking one day, while a few are not giving any Thanksgiving holidays and having the full nine days for Christmas, she pointed out.

A Big Christmas Shopping Season Is Planned Here

Streets Are To Be Decorated And Santa Will Make His Appearance Soon

Sparta merchants met here this week and made plans for the coming shopping season when every effort will be made to supply the needs of the buying public.

At the request of the WPB, the town will not have the beautiful street lights, this year, but will use evergreen decorations.

The merchants also voted to sponsor the appearance of Santa Claus. The date for his arrival will be announced later and all children will be invited to see him.

A merchants' committee for the street decorations and Santa Claus is composed of Bill Sprinkle, Robert Allison, Alton Thompson and Kern Wagoner, and this group will solicit necessary funds from the merchants.

The Alleghany News will again issue its annual Christmas shopping edition next week, Thursday, Dec. 2, when hundreds of Christmas gift suggestions will be advertised by the merchants, marking the official opening of the Christmas shopping season.

Merchants pointed out that while there were some shortages in some types of merchandise, that there would be plenty of substitutes in practical merchandise.

Many Interested In Jr. Red Cross

Miss Edwards, Chairman, Urges That All Schools Turn In Reports

Miss Minnie Lou Edwards, chairman of the Junior Red Cross drive in Alleghany county announced that to date a total of \$61.10 has been reported from different schools in the county. Miss Edwards urged that all those schools which had not turned in their reports of the drive to do so as soon as possible.

The following schools have reported: Sparta elementary and high schools, \$25.65; Rich Hill, \$2.10; Liberty Knob, 53c; Stratford, \$2.10; Whitehead, \$6.50; Little Pine, \$2.32; Glade Valley elementary, 50c; New Hope, 60c; Piney Creek elementary and high schools, \$11.00; Laurel Springs, \$4.10; Pine Swamp, \$2.00 and Wolf Branch, 50c (colored); Glade Creek, \$1.00 and Gap Civi- \$1.10.

Miss Edwards urges the other schools in the county to report within the next few days as the drive ended November 15 and schools not reporting will not be eligible to receive the Junior Red Cross Journal.

Buy War Bonds for Christmas—The present with a future.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EDITION NEXT WEEK

In co-operation with the merchants, this paper will publish the annual Christmas shopping edition next week, December 2.

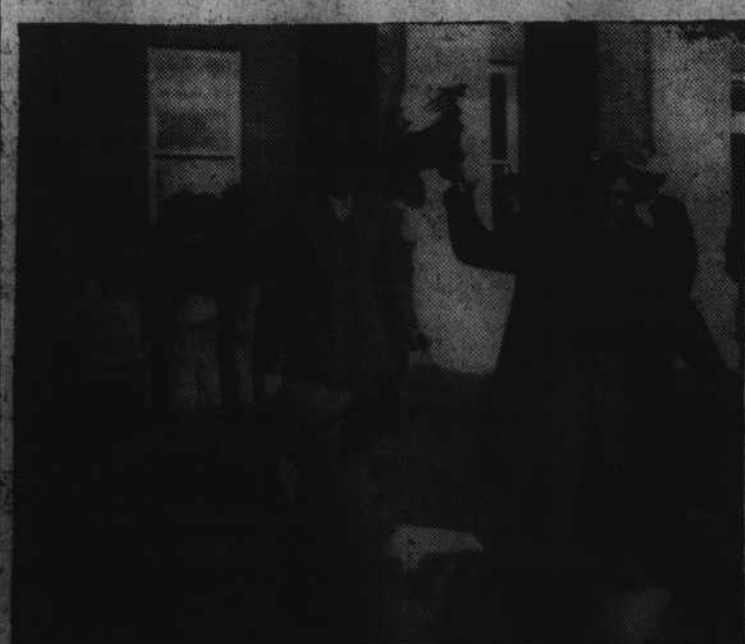
At this time, the public will be reminded of the many advantages of trading at home and will be offered a wide selection of Christmas gifts in the advertisements of the merchants.

The edition will contain a large number of Christmas features as well as the regular features and will be of interest to everyone.

Merchants are asked to cooperate with the paper by working on their advertisements as early as possible in order to have them ready for the edition.

The edition will herald the official opening of the Christmas shopping season here.

Much Interest In Auction Here



Above is a scene from the successful United War Fund auction sale held on the courthouse lawn, Saturday, November 13. In the center is Roscoe Collins auctioning a prize thoroughbred Sussex rooster donated by Dr. P. L. Choate. At the extreme left is R. E. Black and his son, Bobby. Standing in the background is Dr. T. R. Burgess, chairman of the drive. A large crowd attended. (Staff Photo)

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

On Sunday morning as you sit in church and see the vacant places in the choir and wonder where the war has taken the young people from your community you may feel certain that they are attending divine services if circumstances permit.



Chaplains and choral leaders are found on the larger ships and even abroad in the Army centers. Millions of hymnals have been distributed to the men and women of all services and you may rest assured that a portion of the savings you are placing into War Bonds is used for their spiritual welfare. U. S. Treasury Department