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## Local Merchants Now Ready For Christmas Business

### Walter Blevins, Alleghany Man, Dies In Service

Met Death In New Caledonian Hospital. Had Been Overseas For 11 Months

T-5 Cpl. Walter Woodrow Blevins, an Alleghany youth, died in foreign service, November 22, according to a report received by his mother, Mrs. Rosa Blevins, of Sparta.

Cpl. Blevins had been in a hospital in New Caledonia for some time, receiving treatment. The cause of his death was not revealed in the message sent by the War Department.

He entered the service in March, 1942, and had been serving overseas for the past eleven months.

Surviving are his mother, of Sparta; his father, Vance Blevins, of Bel Air, Md., four sisters, Mrs. Reid Hudson and Mrs. Lee Hudson, of Ennice and Allene and Wanda, of Sparta; and two brothers, Charlie, of Sparta and Pvt. Gene Blevins, now stationed in Texas.

### Wallace, Willkie Discuss World Affairs



Vice President Henry A. Wallace congratulates Wendell Willkie, (left), after the latter's speech before the 12th annual New York Herald-Tribune forum in New York. They spoke on related subjects. Willkie discussed "The Next Step Toward the World We Want." Wallace chose "The World We Want."

### Push Germans Back In Italy; Japs Again Hit In New Guinea

Russians Give Up Rail Junction But Kill Thousands Of Germans

In spite of severe winter weather in Europe the Allies are making gains this week, and the Japanese have been forced to give ground in New Guinea.

General Montgomery's Eighth Army shattered the eastern anchor of the Germans' "Winter line" across Italy yesterday, capturing the whole Sangro ridge and driving the enemy out of the Sangro River that extended at least 15 miles inland from the sea.

Climaxing 48 hours of continuous, bitter fighting, the veteran Eighth Army drove forward in a smashing advance which threatened to turn the flank of the enemy's entire defense system before.

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### Over War Bond Quota For Nov.

Alton Thompson, chairman for bond sales for Alleghany county announced today that Alleghany exceeded her November bond quota of \$840,000 by \$2,875. The total sales now stand at \$11,075,000, Mr. Thompson stated.

"The December quota has not yet been received but we feel sure that we will go over the top on bond sales just as Alleghany always goes over," Chairman Thompson stated.

He also pointed out that we must not forget to buy bonds while we are doing our Christmas shopping and that bonds make an ideal gift for any person at Christmas time.

### Motorists Urged By OPA To Take Care Of All Tires

The truck tire shortage becomes more critical daily, OPA officials point out and truck tire inventories are extremely low. Today, many essential truck operators have certificates but are unable to find tires, it was explained.

With the armed forces taking a large percentage of the entire production of truck tires, particularly in the larger sizes, there is no hope of relief in the near future.

Truck tires in the hands of operators today must not be abused," OPA officials said. "They must be removed in time to be recapped before the cord body is damaged. Loads and speeds must be reduced. If the local office finds that tires have been deliberately worn beyond the point of recapping, replacements will be denied as this is tire abuse," it was pointed out.

"When you submit a tire appli-

### Farm Leaders Meet And Make Program Plans

Demonstration Group Elects Committeemen; Meeting Is Well Attended

"I am well pleased with the progress that is being made by the demonstration farmers in Alleghany county," W. B. Collins, farm management supervisor, told Alleghany farmers at a meeting of the demonstration farmers last week.

Fifty six farmers were present for the meeting, the purpose of which was to elect a committee to handle the demonstration farm program in the county which is being conducted through the cooperation of the North Carolina Extension Service and the Tennessee Valley Authority for the purpose of determining the value and best use of different forms of fertilizer being produced by the TVA.

Elected to serve on the county committee were: D. C. Duncan, chairman; G. C. Collins and D. M. Edwards.

The following township committees were elected:

- Gap Civil—J. R. Gambill, chairman; Cabell M. Wilson and Charlie Edwards.
- Prather's Creek — D. J. Jones, chairman; C. G. Mitchell and J. H. Waddell.
- Piney Creek — W. C. Brown, chairman; Fred Osborne and Guy Perry.
- Cranberry—M. E. Reeves chairman; W. W. Warden and Charlie Roberts.
- Whitehead — G. M. Edwards, chairman; Lonnie Edwards and R. J. Wagoner.
- Cherry Lane — J. C. McCann, chairman; T. R. Green and Dewitt T. Bryan.
- Glade Creek — S. G. Harris, chairman; K. E. Edwards and Fred Handy.

### 2 New Members Are To Serve On Local OPA Board

Richardson And Wagoner Replace Edwards And Waddell On Board

Glenn Richardson and B. F. Wagoner have been appointed members of the Alleghany county ration board to replace two members who have resigned, it was announced this week.

The new members will replace John Mac Edwards, who has served on the board for the past two years, and Wayne Waddell, who has been a member for the past year.

It was also announced that Reid's Service Station, located on Main street in the building formerly known as the Colvard Service Station No. 2, has been appointed an official tire inspection station. The station is under the management of Reid Hampton.

An announcement was also made of the resignation of Mr. C. R. Roe, of the Western Auto Associate Store, as a tire inspector. Due to lack of time, Mr. Roe was unable to continue his duties in this capacity but it is likely that he will resume them when school closes in the spring.

### Public Urged To Mail All Packages Before Dec. 10

Postal authorities are urging that all gift packages, not already sent, be mailed not later than Dec. 10, if the senders expect them to be delivered before Christmas.

Due to the shortage of help and the heavy mails, more time must be allowed this year, it was pointed out.

The extra mail to men in service is responsible for much of the increase in all mails, it was explained.

Christmas cards should also be mailed early, it was explained. "There will be many disappointed people if the public does not rush up with gift mailing," an official said yesterday.

### Landreth Brothers In Service



Cpl. Basil Landreth, (left), who is now stationed at Foster Field, Texas, as a Link Training Instructor, volunteered for service in April, 1942. Cpl. Landreth was a member of the Piney Creek high school graduating class of '37. T-Sgt. James Maynard Landreth, (right), who is stationed somewhere in India, has been overseas since February. A graduate of Piney Creek high school and Johnson City Business College, Johnson City, Tenn., he volunteered for the Army Air Corps in 1940. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Landreth, of Stratford.

### Roosevelt, Chiang, Churchill Meet In Cairo For Parley

Expected To Meet With Stalin In Iran For Further Conference

Cairo — President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and President Chiang Kai-shek have held a historic five-day conference, have bound their nations in an agreement to beat Japan into unconditional surrender and to strip her of all her imperialistic gains of the last half century, and have left for unannounced destinations.

In Washington it was assumed that an even more important meeting, particularly on the European phases of the war, would

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### Alleghany Men To Enter Army

Four Alleghany county men will leave next week for service in the U. S. Army at Camp Croft, S. C., after spending their furloughs granted after induction.

Those to leave are: Durwood Rector, Wade V. Miles, Wilmer Matthew Pruitt and Eugene Pruitt.

The following list of classifications of men for military service were announced this week by the local board:

- 1-A: Kenneth O. Bedsaul, Warren Rector and Mack E. Caudill.
- 2-A: Dewey G. Edwards, William H. Gibson and George F. Fender.
- 3-D: Paul V. Rash.

### OPA To Allow More Meat; California Grapes Released

Washington — Price Administrator Chester Bowles disclosed Tuesday night that meat ration point costs will be reduced to allow civilians 30 per cent more meat in December but butter ration values will be left unchanged at 16 points a pound.

While announcing that most beef cuts would be reduced two or three points, he warned that meat supplies generally will be smaller next Spring and in anticipation the Office of Price Administration may boost ration points in January and February.

The December reductions are in line with OPA's previously declared intention to liberalize ration allowances for the Christmas period. Complete point charts for meats and processed foods will be released later this week.

OPA meantime removed the remainder of the 1943 crop of California grapes from price control, acknowledging that its efforts to control prices within the State by ceilings on wine had failed.

Object of the removal is to restore a more nearly normal flow of grapes into trade outside California, OPA said. Present restriction have created a shortage for wineries and home users in other States.

OPA also authorized increases in packers' prices for California and Arizona grapefruit to bring them into line with Texas and Florida grapefruit prices. The action is preliminary to issuance soon of maximum price regulations for sales of citrus fruits at packer and broker levels.

Bowles said continuation of present high ration values for butter still is necessary to assure fair distribution throughout the country.

### Thousands Of Gifts Are Now Displayed Here

Everyone Is Invited To Shop With Local Merchants; Many Values Here

Hundreds of people are expected here Saturday when the Christmas shopping season for Sparta and Alleghany county will be officially opened.

A large assortment of practical, as well as gift merchandise, is now on sale here and the store windows as well as interiors reflect the gay Christmas spirit.

While the selection of gift merchandise is varied, merchants point out that many items cannot be replaced and urge everyone to shop early while stocks are complete.

Today, The Alleghany News issues its annual Christmas shopping edition officially ushering in the Christmas shopping season here. Throughout this paper will be found hundreds of advertised values which are proof that Sparta is the place to shop.

Nation-wide surveys show that this year, more than ever, people are turning to practical gifts. Santa will visit the stores here before Christmas and an announcement of this will be made later, through this paper.

### Men Are Needed At Va. Navy Yard

R. R. Wheatley Will Be Here Dec. 8 And Dec. 15 For Interviews

With damaged ships coming in so that they can be repaired and put into service again, mechanics and carpenters are badly needed in the Norfolk Navy Yard, Lt. Carl D. Johnson told a News reporter here and announced that a representative from the Navy Yards would be in the courthouse in Sparta, December 8 and December 15 to interview men interested in this work.

R. R. Wheatley, a mechanic, who knows the needs there, is expected to be the representative here.

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### Increase Gas On Some Coupons

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany county ration board, announced this week that when the "B-2" and "C-2" gas coupon books are issued effective December 1, these coupons nationally will have a value of five gallons of gasoline.

Other "B" and "C" coupons still outstanding at that time will retain their two and three gallon value, as at present and are not renewable until the expiration date on the present book, Mrs. Fleetwood further explained.

It was pointed out that this does not mean that additional mileage is to be allowed or that the gasoline supply situation has improved. It merely means that

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#### What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Slick Buy



In this war our wounded fighting men have a greater chance for recovery than in any previous conflict because of the medical aids and services that have been developed by the War and Navy Departments.

One of these aids is the Hospital Transport Plane service that has been bringing our wounded back from Africa.

Your increased and continued purchase of War Bonds is required to help the Treasury Department finance this hospital transport service. "Back the attack with War Bonds."

U. S. Treasury Department

#### NEWS GIVING FREE THEATRE TICKETS

Again The Alleghany News is conducting a novel Christmas gift plan when dozens of free tickets to the Spartan Theatre are to be given away absolutely free.

In all of the advertisements except those of national products in The News today will be found the names of Alleghany people. Read all of the advertisements carefully and when you discover your name bring the advertisement in which it appears, into the office of The News and you will be given a ticket to the Spartan Theatre.

The names printed in the advertisements were chosen impartially from the post offices on the mailing list of The News. The tickets must be called for and used by December 15.

Read all of the advertisements, it may mean a free ticket for you, as well as the solution to your shopping problems.