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Poole Is Elected County Chairman Republican Party

Succeeds W. C. Jones. Frank Rouse Is Named Secretary. Met Saturday

Beale Poole, of Sparta, was elected chairman of the Alleghany county Republican executive committee at a meeting held in the courthouse here last Saturday afternoon.

Frank Rouse, of Furches, was named secretary, succeeding T. W. Landreth.

Mr. Poole, well-known Sparta business man, who is one of the owners and managers of the Sparta Garage, is succeeding W. C. Jones, of Furches. This is the first time that Mr. Poole has served as head of the Republican party in this county.

George Cheek, of Boulder, Colo., and former chairman of the GOP in Alleghany for a number of years, presided at the meeting and made a short talk.

"There is apparently an uprising in the nation against excessive and unnecessary spending and in my opinion the West will vote for a Republican president next fall," he declared.

The following township chairmen have been elected:

Cranberry, S. S. Landreth; Gap Civil, Dewey Sturdivant; Glade Creek, D. C. Wyatt; Whitehead, M. B. Joiner; Cherry Lane, R. L. Hanks; Prather's Creek, Carl Cook and Piney Creek, T. W. Landreth.

Men Classified By Local Board

24 Men Are Taken Out Of 1-A And Placed In Other Classifications

The local board announced classifications of men for military service this week, when 24 men were taken out of 1-A and placed in other classifications. Seven men were placed in 1-A and 21 were placed in 2-C.

Those placed in 1-A were: Odell R. Holbrook, Wilson V. Hill, Samuel C. Roberts, John B. Reeves, Iverson G. Mabe, Dwayne T. Miller and John M. Combs.

1-A (H) were: Hicks H. Hash and John M. Carpenter.

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Drivers May Get License On Wed.

It was announced this week that Patrolman Lamarr S. Ratliff, of North Wilkesboro, would be in Sparta every Wednesday from 1-3 o'clock to issue driver's license.

Patrolman Ratliff has been with the Highway Patrol for the past five years. He was drafted into the army in 1941 and served there for one and one-half years. While on maneuvers in the state of Kansas, Ratliff was caught in a blizzard and was badly frozen. After staying in the hospital for eight months, he was given an honorable discharge from the army and is now back with the Highway Patrol.

COUNTY EXPERIENCES WINTER WEATHER

This section, along with many other parts of the nation, experienced an extreme cold wave this week end.

Official government thermometers dropped to 10 above zero on Tuesday, arose on Wednesday morning and started dropping again yesterday afternoon, reaching 5° above Thursday morning.

This section also experienced unusually high winds over the week end, as well as some slight snow flurries.

Some damage was reported by the winds. Sections of roofs of houses as well as windows were damaged by the winds.

Since this was the first continuous cold spell of the season, many people complained of being extremely uncomfortable.

Some cars, without sufficient anti-freeze, were frozen up and some water pipes were reported stuck this morning. "It's real winter weather, but it's time for it," one observer said.

Allies Blast New Britain; Russians Capture Cherkasy

RED CROSS CHMN.



Dr. T. R. Burgiss, who was named chairman of the Alleghany Chapter of the American Red Cross, at a meeting, on Saturday.

Dr. T. R. Burgiss Named Red Cross Chairman Here

Other Officers For Chapter Are Chosen At Meeting Held On Saturday

Dr. T. R. Burgiss was elected chairman of the Alleghany chapter of the American Red Cross at a meeting held Saturday morning in the office of R. F. Crouse, when officers for the coming year were elected. Dr. Burgiss succeeds Rev. R. L. Berry, who has served for the past seven years as chairman of the Alleghany chapter.

Rev. R. L. Berry was elected vice-chairman; Mrs. J. T. Inskip, secretary and Alton Thompson, treasurer, were reelected for another year.

Rev. Mr. Berry, who was in charge of the meeting, reminded the officers of their duties, which are to take care of and manage the Alleghany chapter of the Red Cross for the year, 1944.

Fire Destroys Greene's Home

The residence of Tom Greene, of Glade Valley, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin, Sunday night, around 10 o'clock. No furniture or household goods were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene, who had gone to a neighbor's house had been away not more than forty-five minutes, when they returned to find the house in flames. A high wind was blowing and the wood structure was reported to have burned very fast.

Sister And Brother In Service

Miss Mildred Dancy, left, who recently enlisted in the Waves, is now stationed at Hunter College, Bronx, N. Y., where she is receiving her basic training. Pvt. Donald L. Dancy, right, who volunteered for army service in August, is now stationed in Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Another brother, Pvt. Claude Dancy, who has been in the army since September, is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. They are the daughter and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dancy, of Whitehead.

Canadians Mow Down Hundreds Of Germans On Italian Front

In spite of winter weather, allied forces continued to push forward in Europe and in the Pacific the Japanese suffered heavy bombings in New Guinea.

More than 100 Liberator and Mitchell bombers blasted Japanese positions in the Gasmata area on the southern coast of New Britain Monday, dropping 248 tons of bombs in a record three-hour raid, it was announced yesterday.

General Douglas MacArthur's Wednesday communique reported that the escorted heavy and medium bombers met opposition from only 19 enemy fighters, two of which were shot down, while all allied planes returned.

The planes hit Lindenhafen and Ring-Ring Plantation, about 20 miles east of the Gasmata base, bombed offshore islands and extensively strafed the area at minimum altitude.

The Russians have captured Cherkasy, last major German bastion on the middle Dnieper and perhaps have opened a new major offensive in Northern White Russia, but, Moscow announced that they were forced back from Radomysl, 55 miles west of Kiev, by a fierce German drive to retake the Ukrainian capital.

Throwing reserves of armor into a desperate counterattack against Canadian troops fighting yard-by-yard toward the seaport of Pescara, the Germans have suffered heavy losses in tanks and men from the first of Eighth (Continued on Page 4)

Mrs. H. H. Bell Hears From Son In Jap Prison

Asked To Be Remembered To Friends; Now Being Held In Philippines

Mrs. H. H. Bell, of Whitehead, received a card this week from her son, Pvt. Walter L. Bell, who is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippine Islands.

Pvt. Bell, who is interned at the Philippine Military Prison number 4, wrote his mother that his health was good and that he was getting along fine. He inquired about all his old schoolmates and asked to be remembered to them and to tell them that he would enjoy being with them.

Mrs. Bell writes her son regularly each week. The Japanese government, however, will not allow a message of more than 25 words to reach their prisoners but they may be written as often as desired. To this date Pvt. Bell has never written he has received any of her letters, although she has heard from him.

"Merry Christmas" From Marines In South Pacific



A group of fighting Leathernecks "somewhere in the South Pacific," including a thoughtful Marine Corps combat photographer, devised the above method of relaying their outfit's Christmas greetings to friends beyond the seas. With red and white signal flags, they have spelled out "Merry Xmas." Spelling "Merry" are Pfc. William E. Follett, Binghamton, N. Y.; Pvt. Robert E. Dunbar, South Natick, Mass.; Pfc. Byron W. Trumbull, Concord, N. H.; Pvt. Joseph F. Simone, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Corp. Chester S. Marsh, Toledo, Ohio. Those signaling "Xmas" are Corp. Louis W. Pyle, Atlanta, Tex.; Pfc. Jack Carpenter, Orlando, Fla.; Pfc. Edward T. McMahon, Chicago, and Corp. William J. Ruppel, Highland Park, Mich. (Marine Corps Photo)

Funeral Is Held On Tuesday For Isom Fender, 95

Died On Sunday; Funeral Is Conducted At Union Baptist Church

Funeral service for Isom Fender, 95, prominent citizen of the Whitehead community who died at his home there Sunday, was held at Union Church Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. George Cheek, Elders J. M. Williams, S. G. Caudill and Wiley Combs conducted the service. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Mrs. Left Wagoner, of Whitehead, and four sons: C. G. Fender, J. T. Fender and Robert Fender, all of Whitehead, and David Fender, of Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Emaline Spicer, of Trap Hill, and one brother, Tom Fender, of Whitehead.

Mr. Fender was a native of Alleghany county and a prominent member of the Primitive Baptist church, having been a member for the past 69 years.

Pallbearers were Marion Joiner, Lonnie Edwards, Lefty Wagoner, Eddie Hoppers and Bailey Wagoner.

Flower girls were Mrs. T. L. Grayson, Mrs. Bailey Wagoner, Mrs. Ethel Fender, Mrs. Robert McGrady and Miss Clarabelle Fender.

Boone Market Sets Record In Price, Poundage

The Mt. Burley Tobacco Warehouses at Boone passed the million pound record yesterday and have averaged over \$50.00 per hundred pounds, for this amount, S. C. Eggers, supervisor of sales, said.

"We are very pleased over the prices and the service we are able to give the farmers," Mr. Eggers declared and said that he wished to thank all the farmers of this section for their patronage and to invite others to sell their tobacco in Boone.

Mr. Eggers said that one lot sold for \$60.00 yesterday. (Continued on Page 4)

Public Urged To Give War Bonds

Alleghany People Asked To Give The "Present With A Future" This Year

Alleghany people, along with others throughout the nation, are urged to give war bonds and stamps this year.

War bonds have been aptly described as "the present with a future" and are suggested as gifts, particular to replace items that cannot be secured this year. Many people are giving bonds and are labelling them "a new electric refrigerator" or some similar item not available now, which they plan to purchase, later.

"I hope that the many bonds people buy for gifts will help to raise this," Alton Thompson, county chairman, said.

Roosevelt Visits Sicily And Decorates 7th Army Officers; Is Expected Back Home Soon

Reviews General Patton's Army And Decorates Officers For Bravery

President Roosevelt, flying within some 250 miles of the battlefields in Italy, visited Sicily on his homeward journey from Cairo, reviewing seventh army troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and decorating Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and several other officers for bravery.

The president came from Malta to Castelvetrano airfield, it was disclosed officially Monday, with his C-54 transport guarded by 12 Lightning fighters.

Accompanied by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mr. Roosevelt drove in a jeep along the runways lined by hundreds of seventh army troops who helped win Sicily in a blazing campaign. Castelvetrano is at the southwestern tip of the island.

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County Churches Plan Programs For Christmas

Several Special Services And Programs Will Be Held On Sunday

Christmas will be fittingly observed in the churches of Alleghany county with many of them having special programs this week end.

The Sparta Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday school classes will sponsor a Christmas program and Christmas tree for the children of Sparta, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Baptist church. All children in Sparta are invited to attend the party.

Mrs. Tom Noland, who will be in charge of the music for the (Continued on Page 4)

Eden Reports That Date For Invasion Has Been Agreed On

London — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons yesterday that the time for military operations against Germany in the great assault planned by the Allies had been agreed upon at Teheran and that in due time the decisions would be revealed to Germany on the battlefield.

Asserting that the conference meant the war would be shortened, Eden said:

"The close co-operation of all our military plans by the conference, and reached at the conference, shows clearly that we can do better and that there is close interplay in every move. We have not had that until now. The Teheran conference laid plans to this end. All are now agreed, and the time is now agreed, and in due course the decisions of the Teheran conference will be enrolled on the field of battle."

Eden said that the greater part of the Allied Teheran and Cairo conferences were devoted to military problems for defeating Germany and Japan and that the plans were brought to a state of completeness in collective preparations exceeding anything previously possible in the entire war.

Reminding the House that Britain had been committed even before Pearl Harbor to fight beside the United States to the end in any war against Japan, Eden said that the objectives of the Pacific war had been set out internationally for the first time at Cairo.

"We are committed to them because we understand that to destroy Germany and then to make a compromise peace with Japan would only sow the seed of a third world war," he said.

Santa Is Coming To Sparta Next Thurs. And Fri.

Visit Is Sponsored By The Merchants; Public Invited To See Him

Santa Claus will visit Sparta on Thursday and Friday before Christmas and all children are cordially invited to see him.

The REA workers have been busy this week decorating the streets with laurel roping, so Sparta would be ready for Santa when he arrives on Thursday.

Parents are cordially invited to bring the children and shop in Sparta. Santa will be glad to listen to their wishes and give them nuts and candy. He is appearing in Sparta under the sponsorship of the merchants.

Local merchants reported business was unusually good last Saturday in spite of the cold weather. While there is a shortage of some items there are still a number of gifts available here. Statistics show that the majority of people are turning to practical gifts this year. Toilet goods, clothing of all kinds, furniture and foods are among the practical items in demand.

Sgt. R. J. Reynolds Buried On Friday

Was Buried At Shiloh Church With Military Escorts; Many Attend Rites

Funeral service for Staff Sergeant Robert J. Reynolds, 31, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, of Sparta, who died at the Station Hospital at BTC, No. 10, in Greensboro, last Tuesday, after an illness of three weeks, was conducted Friday at three o'clock at Shiloh church. Rev. Ray Billings, of Winston-Salem; Rev. R. L. Berry, Rev. C. R. Allison and Rev. W. H. Handy conducted the service and interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, two sisters, Mrs. Venia Cash, Elkin, and Mrs. Selma Parks, Cyle; one brother, George Reynolds, Winston-Salem, Route 3; three half-sisters, Mrs. Emma Nicholson, Sparta; Mrs. Nannie Moxley, Chatham, Pa.; and Mrs. Tiney Brown, Crumpler.

S.-Sgt. Benjamin M. Hodgen acted as military escort and pallbearers were S.-Sgts. Willis O. Hintz, Edward F. Hozen, A. M. LaMorte, L. A. Nygaard, Elmer A. Toland and Johnnie Dupree, all from BTC No. 10, in Greensboro.

Flower girls were Miss Lynore Bare, Mrs. Clyde Deip, Mrs. Alice Toliver, Miss Peggy Reynolds, Mrs. Ray Billings, Mrs. Don Shores, Mrs. Albert Richardson, Mrs. Glenn Richardson, Mrs. Maude I. Richardson, Mrs. Grady Irwin, Mrs. Lessie Rae Sturgill, Miss Lorene Landreth, Miss Anna Lee Bare, Mrs. Blanch Bare, Miss Dorothy Brown, Miss Jacqueline Bare, Mrs. Jackie Hapner, Mrs. Madalyn Little, Mrs. Duroil Little, Mrs. Frank Atwood, Mrs. Lee Irwin, Miss Alma Little, Miss Georgia Shepherd, and Miss Georgia Shepherd. (Continued on Page 4)

County School Bus Turns Over

A school bus carrying nine students and driven by Clifford Pendry, assistant bus driver, overturned on the Laurel Springs road near the Laurel Springs church Thursday afternoon. None of the students received serious injuries.

Annie Blanch Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pugh, received first-aid treatment for cuts on the head.

According to a report by Patrolman Richard Griggs, who investigated the wreck, the bus left the road and turned over on its side. He reported that from information given by the driver on the bus, that Pendry was sitting on an orange from a bag sitting on the floor.

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Rationing Guide

SUGAR
Stamp No. 29 in Ration Book No. 4 good for five pounds of sugar until January 14. This stamp is marked "sugar."

PROCESSED FOODS
Green stamps A, B, and C in Book 4 good until December 20. Green stamps D, E, and F became valid December 1, and good through January 20.

MEATS AND FATS
Brown stamps L, M and N expire January 1. Brown stamp P becomes valid Dec. 12, and stamp Q becomes valid Dec. 19 and expires January 1. Brown stamp E becomes valid December 26 and expires January 29.

GASOLINE
Stamps No. "A-3" from new "A" book good for three gallons each and expire February 3.

SHOES
No. 18 stamp in Ration Book 1 good any time. No. 1 "Airplane" stamp in Ration Book 3 now good for one pair of shoes.