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Sparta Plant Is Helping Santa Claus This Year

Wooden Wagons Made By Clennel Richardson Are Widely Distributed

The Sparta Manufacturing Company, under the ownership and management of Clennel Richardson, prominent Sparta contractor, is supplying Santa Claus with plenty of wagons this year. With metal toys almost unheard of articles on the market, Santa was beginning to wonder what he would have to offer boys and girls in their places but the problem seems to have been easily solved by Mr. Richardson and his wooden wagons.

During the past two weeks, Mr. Richardson has sent out over 2000 wagons to be shipped by rail to the far corners of the country. California, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Georgia and North and South Carolina are among the states that will display the wooden toys from Sparta this Christmas season.

The manufacturing plant, located in the old D. and P. pipe factory, was started in the late summer and has been in operation since, employing seven workmen. A new building to house the plant is now under construction east of Sparta on the Elkin highway. The new building is expected to be completed soon, Mr. Richardson stated.

The wagons, made in three sizes, large, medium and small, are made entirely of wood except (Continued on Page 4)

Mrs. Maines, 64, Buried Friday

Died Suddenly At Age Of 64, Last Wednesday, Dec. 15 At Her Home

Funeral service was conducted Friday at Shiloh Methodist church for Matilda Jane Maines, 64, who was found dead in her bed Wednesday, December 15. She was the wife of Elmore Maines, of Sparta. Service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Handy and Rev. Mr. Caldwell. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, four daughters: Mrs. Bessie Montgomery, of Baywood, Va.; Mrs. W. S. Moxley, Sparta; Mrs. Willard Reeves, Independence and Mrs. Edith Hamm, Whitehead; and four sons: Sam Maines, of Whitehead; Talmadge, Owen and Arno Maines, all of Sparta.

Two Are Fined By G. G. Nichols

At a hearing Sunday morning before Justice Glenn Nichols, Carl Testerman and Emory Haga, of Fox, Va., were fined \$75.00 to cover damages and costs, after being arrested Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Glenn Richardson at the Parkway Cafe on the charge of disturbing public peace.

According to a report by Deputy Richardson, the two men entered the cafe and raised a disturbance. Upon being ordered out of the building by John Reeves Watson, manager, they refused to go and as a result started a free-for-all fight in the cafe, in which property was destroyed.

Testerman and Haga were also placed on probation for a year.

SCHOOLS OBSERVING A WEEK'S HOLIDAY

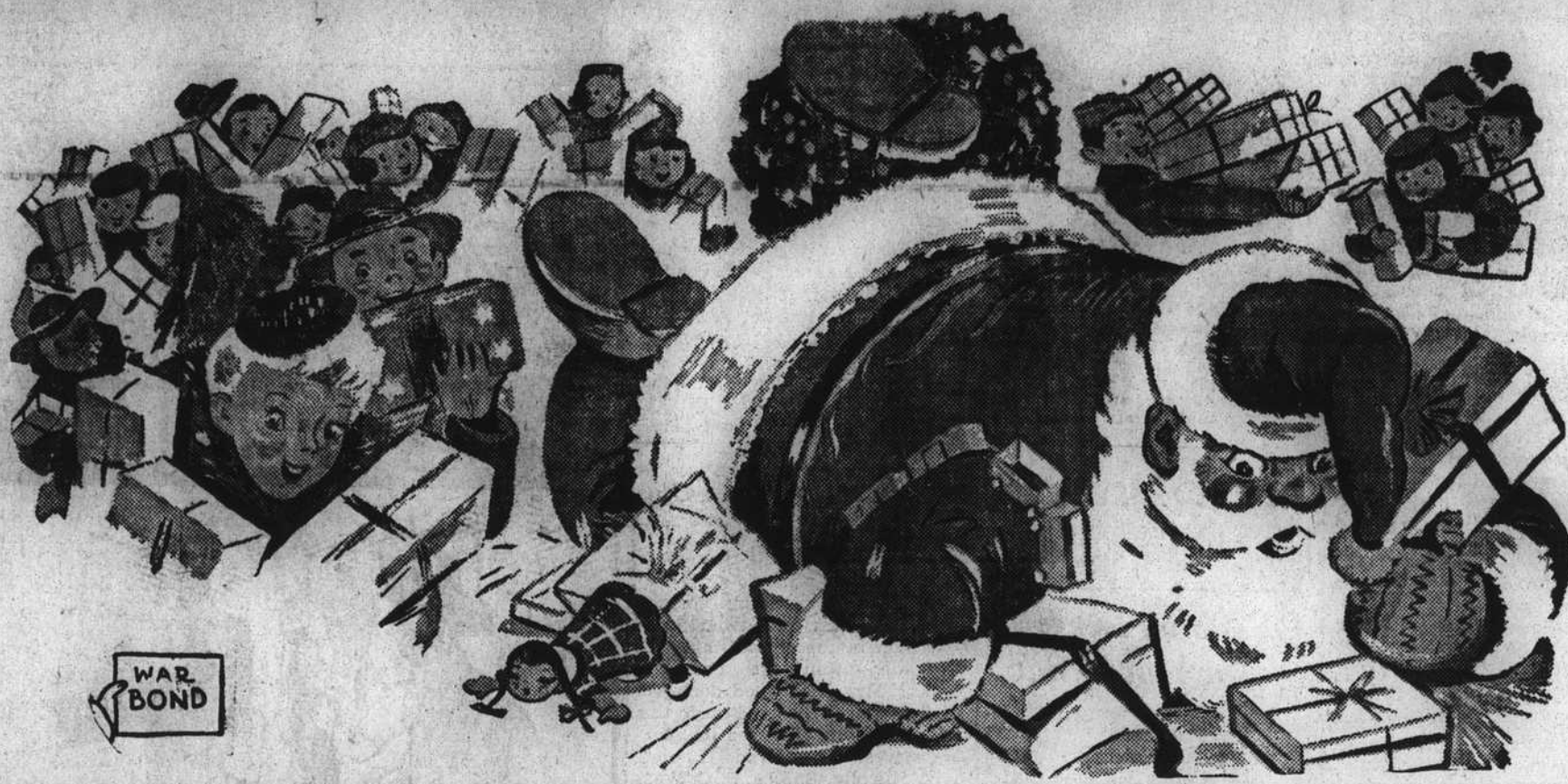
Alleghany county schools are observing a week's holiday this week for Christmas, but will open next Wednesday, Dec. 29, Supt. Clyde Fields, said.

This is a shorter vacation than usual, but due to the longer term of nine months this year, efforts are being made to conserve time.

Most of the schools had programs or Christmas trees last Friday, when they closed for the holidays. All the teachers in the county served the students a treat.

There are a large number of cases of mumps, colds and flu, but most of the cases are in mild form, according to reports.

Sincere Christmas Greetings To Everyone, Everywhere!



Russians Are Making Important Gains; 20 Jap Planes Bagged

Heavy Fighting In Italy; Slavs Open Up Offensive Against Nazis

The approach of Christmas sees fighting intensified on all fronts and the Allies gaining, which is an indication that peace and victory is not as far distant as it was.

Russia's Baltic army, storming down from Nevel toward the Vitebsk-Propoisk rail line, has captured more than 100 populated places, killed 1,600 Germans and reached to within 20 miles of the German defense bastion of Vitebsk—Now menaced from two sides—Moscow announced, yesterday.

At the same time the Russians announced the liquidation of a (Continued on Page 4)

Dairymen Are To File Forms

C. G. Collins, chairman of the Alleghany AAA committee, announced this week that any milk producer who had not filed an application for the October payment in connection with the subsidy payments on milk and cream made by the government, could include the October sales in the application for the November and December sales.

He also announced that the November and December payments would be made together and that no payments would be made until January 15.

New Gas Tickets Available Soon, OPA Announces

New Type Tickets Aimed To Helping Stop Present Gas Black Market

Mrs. Susie Fleetwood, clerk to the local OPA board, stated that the first quarter gasoline rations for 1944 will be available after Dec. 27. Coupons have been revised and are now in what is known as Theatre ticket rolls. Each coupon bears a serial number. Identification folders will be issued with the coupons showing the highest and lowest serial numbers contained therein.

"This should be an important step in stamping out black market operations on TT gasoline coupons. If every service station will check these new coupons against the identification folder and serial numbers, there should be no leaks on illegal use of these coupons," Mrs. Fleetwood said.

NO APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE HERE

Mr. L. E. Edwards, Alleghany county registrar of deeds reports that to date not one marriage license has been issued from that office during the month of December. That means no Christmas weddings; strange, to say the least.

15 Men Placed In I-A By Local Board This Week

Classifications Of 61 Are Announced; Several In 3-A And 4-F

The local board announced classifications of men for military service this week, when 61 men were classified, 15 in 1-A and 32 in 3-A, with only one man in 4-F.

In 1-A: Carl L. Lowe, Jess Andrew Taylor, Clay Franklin Crouse, Arnold Reed Norman, Andrew Benjamin Taylor, Paul William Crouse, Jess Long Cox, Delbert Edgar Walker, Odell Talmadge Brown, Dewey George Edwards, Homer Ezel Jones, Jesse Mack Osborne, Thomas Boyden Smith, Lee Carl Choate (col.) and Winfred Decatur Choate (col.)

2-A: Johnnie Ralph Parker, Paul Emory Crouse, Gerald Mostyn Rector, Clifford Wilson Johnson, Robert Royal Allen, Irwin William Roberts, Joseph Oscar Ray, John Robert Andrews (Continued on Page 4)

Turkeys Bring High Prices On Christmas Mart

Alleghany county farmers, who raised turkeys for the market this year, were well rewarded, as these prize fowls brought an unusually high price here this past week and averaged 35 cents per pound.

While the Christmas market was much lighter than usual, since most of the crop raised in this section was sold Thanksgiving, and a much smaller number than usual held over for Christmas, those sold here the past week brought 35 cents per pound. It is estimated that around 1,800 turkeys were sold weighing an average of around 12 pounds. Unofficial estimates from dealers placed the income to growers at around \$7,560.00.

Record Prices On Boone Mart

Sales at Mountain Burley warehouses, in Boone, were closed yesterday for the holidays and will re-open again, Monday, Jan. 3, officials announced.

The warehouses, however, will be open to receive tobacco, during the holiday season, beginning next Tuesday, and those dealing, may bring theirs in, in order to have it there when the sales re-open, Jan. 3, officials point out.

So far, the Boone market has made a record for sales and top market prices. The many Ashe and Alleghany farmers who have carried their tobacco there have been well pleased.

Roscoe Coleman, supervisor of sales, said yesterday that the Mountain Burley warehouses had already passed last year's entire season in pounds and in prices being paid.

A Quiet Christmas Is Expected Here; Record Business

78th Congress Adjourns; Will Meet On Jan. 10

Several Major Issues Are To Be Decided After The 20-Day Recess

Washington—The 78th Congress headed homeward yesterday to learn, during the next twenty days, what the voters think of a nine-months first-session record of all-out co-operation with the war effort and sporadic but successful onslaughts against the Administration's home front program.

Routine proceedings in the Senate and the House closed the loss of Administration legislative control for the first time since Franklin D. Roosevelt became President in 1932.

Returning on January 10 for an election-year session that threatens to be sparked by Partisan battles, the law-makers will face a heavy docket of highly controversial legislation sidetracked in the last minute rush.

STOLEN PROPERTY IS RECOVERED HERE

Property belonging to the public schools of Alleghany county was stolen last week from Duke's Garage, when thieves took four gallons and one quart of prestone, one new tire, one headlight and a prestone tester.

Sheriff Jesse Moxley and Deputy Glenn Richardson report that all the goods have been recovered but that no arrests have been made.

Santa Paying An Advance Visit Here Today And Again Friday

Christmas is expected to be quietly observed in Alleghany, Saturday, with the cessation of business and according to advance reports, will be a generous one, judging from the amount of gifts purchased.

The shortage of gas and tires and other war conditions will keep most people at home, where they will enjoy an old-fashioned quiet Christmas.

Merchants are all reporting an unusually good business and will be closed all day Saturday and on Monday following Christmas.

Santa will be in Sparta Thursday and Friday to listen to the wishes of the children and to give them candy and nuts. All children are cordially invited to see him.

The post office here will be closed on Saturday and there will be no RFD delivery of mail on that day, Postmaster S. R. Nichols said.

The Northwestern bank will be closed Saturday and Monday in observance of the holiday, of (Continued on Page 4)

Needy Are To Be Remembered

While there are fewer needy families in this county than there have been in several years, according to reports, the less fortunate families are to be remembered at Christmas.

Individual and church groups will distribute clothing and many baskets of food will be carried out to these families on Christmas morning.

Public Asked To Help Make Christmas Safe This Year

"A safe Christmas on the home front should be the interest of every citizen as the season of increased travel and additional winter highway hazards approaches," declared Ronald Hocutt, Director of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, today.

"As the Christmas season approaches, when North Carolinians strive to keep alive the traditions our sons are fighting to preserve—we must all feel a deep concern in keeping ourselves and others alive for this Christmas, and other Christmases in a better world," Mr. Hocutt continued.

"Gold Stars in many homes attest the sacrifice of life that has already been made on the battlefronts to preserve our Nation—but there are no Gold Stars for

the more than 700 traffic deaths on our highways this year. The pity of this death toll on our highways is its uselessness. Traffic accidents are preventable and serve no purpose—but defeat."

"The call of our country on the home front is to conserve and produce. Every hour lost from injury or death in accident is lost in production. Every vehicle damaged or demolished is lost to conservation and transportation."

"The December fatality rate on our highways is high and unless it is stopped, what Yuletide happiness can emerge from a background of war, will yet be shadowed in many homes by highway casualties on the home front."

"North Carolina must reduce (Continued On Page Four)

Tax Listing In County To Start Tuesday, Jan. 4

Public Asked To Co-operate With Listers; Times And Dates Announced

Tax listing for 1944 in this county will get underway January 4 in the various townships and will continue at designated times through January 22.

Property owners and tax payers in each township are required to return to the tax listers for taxation all their real estate and personal property, which each one owns or is required to give in. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list their polls during the same time.

Return of property and giving in of polls are required, under the penalties imposed by law. Notice of the places and times of tax listing appear on page three of this issue.

Merit Exams To Be Given Jan. 29

Applications Can Be Secured From Welfare Department, It Is Announced

Miss Edith Guffy, field social work representative, of Winston-Salem, visited the Alleghany welfare department, Tuesday, when she announced that merit examinations for machine operators, general clerical workers and stenographic clerical workers to fill vacancies as they occur with the local health units, state board of health, state commission for the blind, unemployment compensation commission, state board of charities, public welfare and county welfare departments, will be held January 29.

Applications for the examinations must be filed on the official form, which may be secured at the local welfare department. All applications must be made not later than midnight, January 18, it was explained.

It was also pointed out that workers to fill these positions are badly needed and all persons interested are urged to take the examination.

Laurel Springs H. D. Club Met

The Laurel Springs home demonstration club enjoyed a delightful Christmas party at the Laurel Springs school house, Tuesday afternoon, when the students entertained the club with a program of Christmas carols and other features. Little Rebecca Moxley sang "White Christmas." The auditorium was beautifully decorated with a brightly trimmed Christmas tree and holly.

After the program, the club members held an informal meeting and exchanged gifts. Miss Frances Capel, home agent, was presented a luncheon cloth by members of the club.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Ruth Choate and Miss Hazel Lee Taylor, members of the Laurel Springs faculty, served refreshments to members of the club.

Miss Doris Richardson, student at Radford STC is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clennel Richardson.

NEWS TO OBSERVE XMAS, FRI, AND SAT.

The office of the Alleghany News will be closed on Friday and Saturday in the observance of Christmas, but will be open on Monday and will publish the paper as usual next week.

This paper takes this occasion to again wish all of the readers a "Merry Christmas".

This is also the message of the advertisers in this issue. Throughout this paper will be found many greetings sent to the readers as a personal message from merchants, other firms and individuals.

These greetings are being sent to more than 2,500 subscribers which include more than 10,000 readers. To all of them, along with merchants, we again say "Merry Christmas".