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arta Man Fatally Shoots Wife, Commits Suici

Alleghany Men Left On Monday To Enter Service

Were Inducted At Camp Croft; List Is Published Here Today

A group of 21 Alleghany men left Monday for induction into the army at Camp Croft, S. C. Those leaving were Robert Allen Berry, Vaughn Beauford Hendrix, Thomas Elmer Woodie, Elgin Leonard Pruitt, Lynn Tompkins, John Mack Combs, Joseph Kelly Blum, Jr., Leo Spurgeon Roberts, John Robert Edwards, Charles Edward Pugh, James Howard Brown, James Isom Glasco, Wayne Roberts, Arzie Deamer Jones, Isaac Rufus Edwards, Dwayne Thomas Miller, Paul William Adams, Dwight Luther Smith and Merdith Earl Richardson. Arzie Cecil Richardson and Donald Dale Shores left for induction into the air corps.

Two Alleghany men, who were registered at different boards will also be inducted this month. They are John Barnett Reeves, Catawba county and William Alexander Gibson, Hartford co., Maryland.

Workers Return To Steel Plants

Over 125,000 Workers Back On The Job; Claim Wage Victory

Pittsburgh - Most of the more than 170,000 steel workers idle ly, activities on all other fronts since midnight Dec. 24, returned continued with renewed vigor. to their jobs Tuesday, with some of their leaders claiming victory in the first round in the carte of the CIO United Steelworkers union for a wage boost of 17 cents an hour above the ceiling fixed by the "little steel" formula.

Reports from the nine states

stitute in a tentative estimate said about 125,000 tons of steel ply lines.

day joined his committee which is negotiating with subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel Corporation here for a new contract.

Dancy Overdue For Army Duty

Pyt. Claude Dancy, of Laurel Springs, who has been absent without leave from the Army since December 6, was picked up at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dancy by Sheriff Jess Moxley and Deputy Glenn Richardson, Monday night. Pyt. Dancy, who was missing from Fort McClellan, Ala, had been at home since he received a specific springs, who has been absent without leave from the Army since December 6, was picked up at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dancy by Sheriff Jess Moxley and Deputy Glenn Richardson, Monday night. Pyt. Dancy, who was missing from Fort McClellan, Ala, had been at home since he received a specific springs of the schools in the toward Twin Oaks, claimed to have been blinded by the lights of the truck.

No charges were made since Wyatt agreed to pay all damages, estimated at around \$25.00 for the truck and \$100.00 for the car, according to reports made.

been at home since he received a week end pass on December 6.

When asked why he failed to return to duty he replied that he

Pvt. Dancy is being held in

NEW SERIAL STORY STARTS IN THE NEWS

Beginning today in this pa-per is an interesting new seri-il story, "There is Today", by Sara Lawrence. Start with the first chapter,

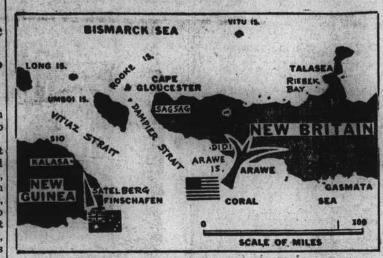
Start with the first chapter, secause it is a story that will hold your interest from the very beginning.

A story of a war-time marriage, "There Is Today", includes many present day problems and their solutions. The haracters are typical of many hat the reader will know.

The author knows war and a influence on people and he tells the story of a group ving in an apartment house, a most interesting manner.

Begin today and read "There Today". The first chapter published on page 7.

Where Yanks Won Jap Area



The southern end of New Britain, which was invaded by the American Sixth army. Shortly after the landing, American troops were reported to be beating their way from Arawe toward the Jap air base at Rabaul, which lies at the northeastern tip of the island.

Marines Advance In **New Britain; Soviets** Still Making Gains Large Still Is

Nazis Throw New Divisions On Italian Front; Invasion Is Near

While the invasion of Europe appears to be drawing near dai-

Reports from the nine states where scores of mills were closed showed more than 125,000 had returned by nightfall with others expected back when operating conditions permitted.

The American Iron and Steel Institute in a tentative estimate On other fronts of the widely

was lost by the work stoppages.

Philip Murray, president of the union, maintained silence about the controversy and during the day joined his committee which

GOOD ATTENDANCE

closed for the Christmas holidays.

Supt. Clyde Fields announced that all of the schools in the county resumed their work on the county resumed the county resumed the county resumed to the county resumed the county

Army Extends Control To All Main Railroads

President Expects Move To Be Temporary; Will Use Troops If Needed

Washington - Hope that the afternoon. railroads can be turned back to private operation soon was exressed by President Roosevelt

roads, called for "the full devo-(Continued on Page 4)

Car Collision Near Twin Oaks

IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

In spite of much illness and bad weather the Sparta public schools resumed work yesterday with fine attndance, after being closed for the Christmas helidays.

Recently Home On Furloughs



Pfc. Leonard T. Mabe, left, who is stationed at Boca Raton Field, Florida, recently spent a 15-day furlough with relatives and friends in Alleghany. Pfc. Mabe, who is a first class machine gunner, has been assigned to police duty since his recovery from a recent operation. Pvt. Fred B. Roberts, right, son of Mrs. Clyde Tate, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother. Pvt. Roberts volunteered for service in August and received his basic training at Fort Bragg.

Duties Of USDA War Board Are **Explained Here**

False Rumors Being Crculated; Working With Selective Service Board

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the duties of the County U. S .D .A. War Board relative to agricultural workers being deferred to the farm, officials pointed out this week. "There are also rumors being circulated that the County U. S. D. A. War Board or that certain members of the board have jurisdication over the County Selective Service Board. This rumor is absolutely false," one

official declared. The County U. S. D. A. War Board is to work with the selectice service board, merely as technical advisors. At the request farming activities of any registrant claiming a farm classifica-

tion, it was explained. After investigating, and the war board is satisfied that a registrant is producing the required (Continued on Page 4)

Found In Mt. Zion Community; No Arrest Made At This Time

Deputy Marshal Walter M. Irwin and Deputy Sheriff Glenn Richardson destroyed one of the largest stills of recent months in the Mt. Zion community, Monday

1500 gallons, was not in operation when discovered and there many next year. were no clues as to the operator, officers declared.

Several fruit jars, jugs, boxes officers.

It was estimated that a recent run of approximately 200 gallons of moonshine had been made.

1943 Takes Final Fling In Weather

Sleet And Ice

Alleghany, along with other sections, which have experienced unusually mild weather this season, felt a real touch of winter on Christmas day, when ice-covered roads kept most people at home.

Since that time this section ous types of cold weather as the old year draws to a close. Snow, rain and sleet fell Tuesday night and yesterday. Extremely heavy fog made driving difficult at this time.

midnight Dec. 31, the OPA said.

The old "TT" coupons were held responsible by OPA for the diversion of considerable quantities of gas into illicit channels.

Most people reported a quiet Christmas spent at home. For many, it also appeared to be a generous one.

EXPECT A QUIET NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day is expected to be quietly observed here, as well as throughout the country, Saturday, with little holiday celebration or fanfare. The schools began operation Wednesday, and will have a holiday on New Year's Day only due to the fact that it falls on Saturday. Most stores and business houses are expected to operate as usual. The Farmers' Hardware announced, however, that this store would be closed, Saturday, for New Year's.

School authorities pointed out that there were still a number of cases of flu and

mber of cases asles in the co cause of illhes ceral absences

How Corsicans Helped Oust Nazis



High on a rocky crab these Corsican patriots show how they routed the Nazis from their country. Their problem ing day with his father-in-law, now is one of reconstruction as they begin rebuilding what Maxwell is reported to have gone the enemy has wrecked.

of the draft board, it is the duty of this board to investigate the farming activities of any regis-1943 In This County **Are Reviewed Today**

Destroyed Mon. German Defeat In '44 Predicted By Gen. Eisenhower

> Devers Given Important New Posts

In his first prediction during 13 months of active warfare, Gen. The still, with a capacity of Dwight D. Eisenhower this week forecast complete defeat for Ger-

The new commander in chief of the allied second front armies broke a precedent of long standfor holding mash and the 50-galing at his first press conference lon boiler were destroyed by the since President Roosevelt announced that the Texas-born general had been selected as supreme against Germany.

"We will win the European war in 1944," Gen. "Ike" told a

Most People Weatherbound to win the European war in 1944
On Christmas Day By is for every man and woman, all

SERVICE ANNOUNCED

Selection Of Ten Include Weather, War, Progress And Violent Deaths

By Staff Writer

Outstanding news stories of Major Doolittle And Gen, the world, nation and state are of valuable gifts. chosen by news agencies and newspapers and this week The Alleghant News staff chose the Derby" with prizes for the first newcomer of the new year. largest number of people.

1. A manganese mine was opened on the H. M. Crouse estate with more than \$15,000 worth of machinery installed and superintended by Mr. John Foy. Two new ores, Galaxite and Alleghanyite, were identified.

2. Alleghany experienced a and ice crippled transportation and baby book. (Continued on Page 4)

tion of the Italian front.

"The only thing needed for us to win the European war in 1944 is for every man and woman, all the way from the front line to the remotest hamlet of our two countries, to do his or her full duty," he added.

Major Gen. James H. Doolittle, whose strategic air force slammed a gate across the enemy's supply routes and smashed his (Continued On Page Four)

Mas COUPONS

Invalid On Jan. 1

Washington — All "TT" gaso-line ration coupons will be invalid after 12:01 a. m., Jan. 1, 1944. The Office of Price Administration disclosed that the stamps, issued for commercial vehicles, are being replaced by serially numbered "T" coupons.

One gallon "bulk" coupons used at the stamps of the winner and the Spartan theater will issue four free theater tickets. Sally's Beauty Shoppe will give the mother of the first arrival a shampoo and finger wave and the father can get a free shave and haircut from Higgins but he or she is going to cause the parents to receive these valuable gifts.

One gallon "bulk" coupons used at one time for deliveries to dealers and servicemen on furlough will also be invalid after midnight Dec. 31, the OPA said.

There Are To Be Few Changes In Red Points For January

Washington — Current point values for butter and virtually all meats will remain unchanged during January, the Office of Price Administration announced yesterday in slightly revising its meats-cheese-fats food chart.

The few changes, effective Sunday, are an increase of one point a pound in the ratio value of fresh ham, reduction of two points a pound for sliced dried beef and read-to-eat beef tongue, and a one point cut for beef tongue.

More liberal reductions in point values of meat, especially beef cuts, had been expected because of tight cold storage facilities and heavy marketings of cattle and hogs but War Food Administration officials reported Monday the situation had eased and now can be considered "good."

No change in the present 16-point per pound ration of but-

Parents Of Wife Also Injured In Shooting Affray

Shooting Took Place At Home Of Pughs In Piney Creek Section, Friday

Welter Maxwell, 54, fatally shot his wife, the former Ethel Pugh, painfully injured her mother and father, and then killed himself, in a Christmas Eve tragedy at the Piney Creek home of the inlaws, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pugh. Mr. Pugh is still critically ill in the Wilkes hospital but Mrs.

Pugh was released on Monday, suffering only flesh wounds. Driven to the Pugh home by Tom Greene on the pretext that he was going hunting the followin the house, asking Greene to wait for him for a few minutes.

Greene, after waiting for approximately 15 minutes, went to the house to ask Maxwell if he was going back with him. Maxwell and Greene then left the (Continued on Page 4)

News Sponsoring 1st Baby Contest

Merchants Are Cooperating By Offering A Number Of Prizes

The first baby born in Alle-ghany county in 1944 is going to get a welcome from several business firms in Sparta in the form

ty during the past year, believed page five of this issue is an adto be of the most interest to the largest number of people vertisement giving complete details of the "First Baby Contest" and all eligible parents are urged

Smithey's store will present 1944's first baby with a baby set, sweater, cap and bootees. Belk's Department store has a soft wool baby blanket for Alleghany's newest citizen of 1944. The B. and T. drug company will precommander for the great assault terrific five-day storm when sleet sent the mother with a baby set

Cash and Carry has half a doz-en cans of baby food for the win-

Rationing Guide

MEATS
Brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q valid through Jan. 1; brown stamp R valid through Jan. 29. Book 4 spare stamp No. 1 good for 5 points for pork through Jan. 1.

PROCESSED FOODS
Book 4 green stamps D, E and F valid through Jan. 20; stamps G, H and J valid Jan. 1 through Jan. 20.

SUGAR
Stamp No. 29 in Book 4 good

Stamp No. 29 in Book 4 good for five pounds of sugar through Jan. 15. The stamp in marked "sugar." GASOLINE