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FOURTH WAR LOAN OPENS TUES.

Sparta Postal Receipts Show Big Gain In 1943

Total Income Is \$71,532.69 For Year, 20% Gain

Stamps, As Well As Money Orders, Show Big Increase Over Receipts Last Year

The Sparta post office smashed all previous records in postal receipts for the four quarters of 1943, the total income being \$71,532.69, a gain of \$10,962.69, or around 20 percent, over the preceding year, according to figures released yesterday by Postmaster Silas R. Nichols.

During the past year, receipts at the local post office showed a steady gain and reached the highest point in the final quarter, when they amounted to \$24,247.52. This figure shows an increase of \$4,820.39 over the \$19,427.13 total for the last quarter of 1942.

These figures, Postmaster Nichols explained, do not include the sale of bonds, defense stamps and revenue stamps. He attributes much of the increase of the total receipts for the last quarter to money orders issued, having written 1,700 money orders in one order during the holiday season.

Total receipts for bonds issued in the Sparta post office during 1943 amounted to \$46,131.25, Mr. Nichols announced.

Car Demolished In Wreck Tues.

Occupants Escaped Unhurt In Wreck In Twin Oaks Section

A car owned by S. C. Richardson and reportedly driven by Curtis Wingate, of Independence, Va., hit a car driven by Smith Evans, of Sparta, Tuesday afternoon on the Sparta-Independence highway, when the Evans car drove out of a side road at the Lon Mac Reeves farm.

The occupants of both cars were uninjured, it was reported. Riding in the Richardson car were Arza Richardson, Jimmy Andrews and Johnnie McMillan, all of Sparta.

According to a report by Sheriff Jesse Moxley, the Evans car, carrying Mr. and Mrs. Evans and their two small children, is reported to have driven out of the side road into the highway and apparently stopped in the road when the car driven by Wingate hit its back bumper and left fender.

The Richardson car, driving toward Independence, left the road, hitting a pine tree and turning over several times, finally landing on its top in a meadow. Damage to the car was estimated at approximately \$550.

To the People of this Community

YOU ARE IMPORTANT

There is no such thing as a "little" investment in the Fourth War Loan. Your \$25 or \$50 or \$100 Extra War Bond may not have great importance in your mind in making up a 5% billion dollar total for individuals.

But multiply yourself 57,150,000,000 and then you see in real perspective how truly great each citizen becomes in making up national strength against the Nazis and the Japs.

Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Navy chaplain aboard the Carrier Wasp when she sank, tells of a rescued wounded sailor, who, as he regained consciousness, asked: "Did I do my best?" That's the only question you, too, have to ask yourself when you decide the extent of your personal participation in the Fourth War Loan.

There undoubtedly will be large single purchases of War Bonds in this community, but yours—if it is "your best"—will deserve equally the red, white and blue shield you are privileged to display in the window of your home.

So "Let's All Back the Attack!"

THE EDITOR.

Bombers Pounding German Targets; Soviets Still Gain

MAKING RECORD



A-C Thomas B. Landreth, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Landreth, of Piney Creek, has recently been classified as an Aviation Cadet for the school of navigation. Cadet Landreth has been in the army air corps for the past six months.

Announce Plans For Polio Fund Drive In County

Mrs. C. A. Thompson Is The Chmn.; Schools, Scouts, Merchants, Others To Aid

Plans to conduct the Infantile Paralysis Drive in Alleghany county are being completed, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, chairman of the drive, announced today.

The drive will officially start on January 14 and will end on January 31. A quota of \$96,000 has been set for Sparta and Alleghany county, which is slightly more than last year's quota, Mrs. Thompson said.

Will Announce 1st Baby Soon

The winner of the annual first baby contest, sponsored by this paper in co-operation with the merchants of Sparta, will be announced next week.

All parents who had children born this year are urged to turn in a report to the Alleghany News and enter their baby in the contest.

The new arrival may have a chance for the prizes as the winner for this year has not been decided on yet.

Announce Changes In Physical Exams For Selective Service

An entirely new rule has just been issued to the local selective service boards. These laws practically do away with the medical examination by the county examining physicians, officials explain.

Registrants will be classified immediately in 1-A, 1-A-O, or IV-E (1-A-O and IV-E are conscientious objector classes), but will not be examined by local physicians. They will be sent to camp to receive their physical examinations before navy and army doctors. This examination at camp is called "Pre-induction physical examination," and it will be given each registrant in the above-named classes.

The pre-induction physical examination will be given registrants without regard to whether

New Russian-Polish Border Is Expected To Be Established Soon

The eyes of the world continued to focus on the European war front this week, where action continued on both the Italian and Russian fronts and there was no let-up in the heavy bombings, believed to be making way for an invasion.

United States Eighth Air Force planes in enormous numbers spread ruin over Northwest Germany yesterday against probably the most desperate enemy defense in air war history, a defense which according to a special German High Command communique resulted in the destruction of 123 American planes.

There were indications in Stockholm reports that American heavy bombers operating not in formation may have made their first daylight assault on Berlin, which has been raided 104 times by the Royal Air Force.

Red Army forces, in a simultaneous attack with Rovno region guerrillas, tore through bewildered Germans 35 miles inside old Poland, forcing the Sluch River near Sarny yesterday while Moscow announced that 15,000 Germans were killed in last week's smashing victory at Kirovograd.

The Russians completely broke (Continued on Page 4)

Boone Market Is To Close Jan. 20

Alleghany Tobacco Growers Report Good Prices For Their Crops

It was announced this week that the Mountain Burley Tobacco Warehouse at Boone would close for the season next Thursday, January 20, but would sell tobacco on that date.

All farmers are urged to get their tobacco in before the closing. Prices have been unusually high on the Boone market since the opening of the season. "We have broken all records in price and poundage," Roscoe Coleman, proprietor said. He also pointed out that he wished to thank the farmers for their cooperation in making the season a big success.

"Everybody seems to be very well pleased with their tobacco sales this year," R. E. Black, county agent, stated this week. Among the outstanding sales was a sale made by Carl Delp, of Stratford. Mr. Delp harvested six-tenths of an acre of tobacco which netted him \$720, the enclosed (Continued on Page 5)

This Time Goodbyes Are Said In Reverse



Wishing Red Cross girls goodbye are these soldiers stationed in North Africa. The Red Cross workers are leaving a base in North Africa on the first leg of a journey to distant posts.

Big Gains Made By Northwestern Bank Last Year

Resources Are New Over 14 Million; Big Increase In Deposits

Resources of the Northwestern Bank showed a big increase in 1943 as shown by the annual statement.

The statement reveals resources have climbed from \$9,073,108.53 at the close of 1942 to \$14,207,554.89 during 1943.

There are ten banks in the Northwestern group, which, in addition to the Sparta bank, include banks at Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Valdese, Bakersville, Taylorsville and North Wilkesboro, with home offices at North Wilkesboro.

Officers are R. A. Doughton, (Continued On Page Four)

Tokens To Shift Value Of Stamps

Washington — Housewives will have virtually the same ration buying power when the new token plan goes into effect February 27, despite slight changes in the total number of points available for a month's buying, the Office of Price Administration said.

With introduction of the tokens, which will be worth one point in change, food stamps will be given a uniform value of 10 points. This means each family member will have 60 points a month for meats and fats compared with 64 at present, and 50 points for processed foods instead of 48.

Ration buying power will be kept on an even keel, OPA said, by slight adjustment on meats and fats and upward on processed foods.

Under the token plan 30 points for meats—fats will become valid at the beginning of two-weeks period. Fifty processed food points will become valid the first of each month.

WILL ACT AS HOME SERVICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Ben Reeves temporarily replaces Mrs. Edwin Duncan as home service chairman for the American Red Cross in Alleghany county, it was announced this week.

Mrs. Duncan will resume her duties when she returns to her home in Sparta, it was pointed out. Meanwhile, Mrs. Reeves may be reached at her home in Sparta by those seeking her services. Mrs. Duncan and daughter are spending some time in Elkin with Mrs. Duncan's mother. (Continued on Page 4)

"Winning - The - War" Action Is Necessary Now, President Tells Congress In Report

110 County Men Placed In 1-A By Local Board

Few Are Placed In 4-F; List Of Classifications Are Announced Here

At a meeting of the local board this week, 110 men were placed in 1-A and 21 in 4-F, with only a few men in other classifications. Classifications are as follows: 1-A: James W. Richardson, Lester W. Crouse, George A. Jones, Lebert Petty, Dillon A. Poole, Everett Billings, Reason H. Higgins, Homer W. Hoppers, Elmer R. Spurlin, William L. Hudson, Tom F. Maxwell, Paul F. Andrews, William C. Parsons, Joe W. Finney, Hoyt L. Jones, Clifton C. Bowers, Raymond F. Andrews, Estel Caudill, Marvin E. Carter, Charlie L. Collins, Jonnie W. Spurlin, Oscar W. Billings, Joe C. Cranford, Raymond A. Hudson, Homer E. Black, Howard (Continued on Page 4)

WILL LIST TAXES AT BARRETT, JANUARY 21

Due to a change in a previous announcement regarding the date set for listing taxes at Barrett, for the convenience of those who have not listed their taxes, A. L. Coomes, tax lister, announced this week that he would be at Barrett, Friday afternoon, Jan. 21 from one to five o'clock.

Congress Registers Resistance Over Tax Demands Of Pres.

Congress, which re-convened on Monday, after the holidays, with finances and other important legislation to consider, offered resistance to President Roosevelt's renewed demand for heavy additional taxes.

Tuesday the Senate evidenced its temper in such matters by voting 48 to 17 to freeze social security tax rates at their current one per cent level.

In his state of the union message the President called for a realistic tax law to levy on unreasonable war profits and reduce war costs to "our sons and daughters." He said the pending \$2,275,000,000 tax measure now in Senate debate fails to meet the test.

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.), of the Senate Finance

Tax, Food, Legislation Are Among The Other Requests By Roosevelt

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt Tuesday night called on the nation to support a sweeping win-the-war program — which he laid before congress earlier in the day — including a national service law which "will prevent strikes" and, with certain exceptions, draft every able-bodied adult for an all-out home front effort.

Such a law is necessary now to carry the nation over the last hard miles to victory, he said in a fireside chat during which he made a cryptic reference to 1944 as "this very fateful year in (Continued on Page 4)

Men Will Leave For Army Soon

A group of 10 Alleghany men will leave next week for military service following their furloughs, after induction at Camp Croft, S. C.

Leaving to enter the army are: Vaughn B. Hendrix, Dwayne T. Miller, Meredith E. Richardson and Elgin L. Pruitt. The three men entering the navy are: Lynn Tompkins, John R. Edwards and Leo S. Roberts. Arza C. Richardson and Donald D. Shores will leave to enter the Army Air Corps and Charles Edward Pugh and Joseph Kelly Blum, Jr., will enter the Marines.

Flower girls were: Ima Dee Finney, Dorothy Price, Logene Kennedy, Marye Kennedy, Iva Mae Kennedy, Mrs. Oco Ward, Rose Johnson, Mrs. Ray Mayberry, Mrs. Clinton Young, Mrs. Harry Young, Blanche Osborne and Rose Osborne.

County's Quota Set At \$77,000; Need Cooperation

Meeting Is Being Held This Afternoon To Work Out Drive Details

Alleghany county's quota for the Fourth War Loan Drive, which opens next Tuesday, Jan. 18, has been set at \$77,000.00, it was announced this week, and every effort will be made to reach it.

A meeting is being held this afternoon to work out details, when W. H. Neal, of Winston-Salem, regional drive director, will be present and discuss plans with the leaders.

Alton Thompson, county chairman of the sale of war bonds, who has also served as special drive chairman during each of the previous drives, is expected to serve again this time, but may have a special drive chairman to assist him.

A committee will also probably be appointed and will be announced next week, as well as other details on the drive.

The quota assigned the county for the Fourth War Loan Drive is less than that of the Third War Loan. The quota for the Third War Loan was \$88,000., and this was exceeded.

"With the co-operation of every individual, there should be (Continued on Page 8)

L. S. Finney, 77, Buried Tuesday

Well-known Man Of Turkey Knob Section Passed Away On Sunday

Funeral service for Lee Smith Finney, 77, well-known Alleghany man of the Turkey Knob community, who died Sunday, after a short illness, was conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m., at the Shiloh Methodist church, with Rev. Luther Shumake and Rev. C. R. Allison officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Alice Crockett Finney; seven children: Mrs. Rufus Reeves, of Floyd, Va.; Mrs. N. W. Pugh, of Roanoke, Va.; Miss Blanch Finney, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. O. L. Grubb, Winston-Salem; Thomas Finney, Mouth of Wilson; Edgar Finney, Winston-Salem and Pfc. Parnell Finney, who is somewhere in North Africa with the U. S. Army; one sister, Mrs. Lee Osborne, Independence, Va.; and four brothers, John Finney, Galax, Va.; Luther Finney, Richmond, Va.; Joe Finney, Sparta; and Mack Finney, Troutdale, Va.

Pallbearers were: Oco Ward, Elze Cox, Clinton Young, Harry Young, Jesse Mack Osborne and Millard Phipps.

Flower girls were: Ima Dee Finney, Dorothy Price, Logene Kennedy, Marye Kennedy, Iva Mae Kennedy, Mrs. Oco Ward, Rose Johnson, Mrs. Ray Mayberry, Mrs. Clinton Young, Mrs. Harry Young, Blanche Osborne and Rose Osborne.

FREE PICTURE SHOW FOR BOND BUYERS

Ben Reeves, owner and manager of the Spartan theater, announced that this establishment would present a free picture show to all bond buyers in connection with the Fourth War Loan Drive, which opens on Tuesday, January 18.

The picture is to be "Stormy Weather", and will be shown at the Spartan theater, February 8, Mr. Reeves announced.

He pointed out that he would distribute tickets to the following sources of sales: Sparta post office and the Northwestern Bank. Other sources of sales may contact Mr. Reeves in connection with the tickets.