

Sales Reach \$23,900 In Fourth War Loan

To Hold Square Dance For Polio Fund, Saturday

Much Interest In The Drive; Schools And Individuals Are Working

A square dance in honor of the President's birthday, will be sponsored by the Infantile Paralysis Drive Committee, Saturday evening from 8:30 to 12 o'clock at the community building, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, chairman of the Drive for Alleghany county, announced this week. Clifton Evans and his band will furnish music for the dance. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Results of the drive from the various schools and communities have not been received but unofficial reports show that much enthusiasm is being shown.

Mrs. Thompson pointed out that the final returns would be announced next week.

"Dig in your pockets; you won't have to dig very deep, to give this great opportunity to invalids of America, the chance that they may walk and live again," Mrs. Thompson urged.

Sparta Wins Over Galax Here Tues.

Games Are Well Attended; Smith And Erwin Are High Scorers

Sparta high school girls and boys grabbed a double victory in the return basketball games with Galax high's fighting teams, on the Sparta court Tuesday night, the girls winning 38 to 27 and the boys taking a 46 to 27 victory.

The Sparta girls played their finest exhibition of the season, moving into an early lead, rolling up a 22-12 advantage at the half. Smith, in the starting line-up for Sparta, joined with Burgess and Carico in leading the offensive attack for Sparta. All the guards did fine jobs.

E. Irwin featured the scoring in the boys' game with Gentry a close second and Osborne the star center.

Quail Season Is Closed In County

R. D. Gentry, county game warden, announced this week that although the quail season in the state of North Carolina closes on February 10, the season in Alleghany county closed on January 10. Alleghany is the one exception to the February 10 season in the state, Mr. Gentry explained.

He also pointed out that the rabbit season closes on February 10.

To the People of this Community

THINK IT OVER

How about doing a little cold turkey thinking after you lay aside this newspaper tonight? You've got a good job. The chances are there is someone else in your family, perhaps two or three, working. Your son or your brother—may be away at war. This war must end sometime. Your whole family, your neighbors, are praying it ends soon and those fighting boys of yours will come home safely.

But will you be ready for whatever happens when peace comes? Will you have something laid away? We're all hoping there'll be jobs aplenty, jobs which mean making something for somebody's happiness and not for somebody's sorrow. That's where your War Bonds come into the picture. Sure, Americans own billions of dollars of War Bonds now; and before this 4th War Loan ends they will have put away billions more. But, how about you? You're the one that counts. The bigger the pile of War Bonds you have when peace comes, the bigger chance you'll have to slip right into the post-war world you're dreaming about tonight. So "Let's All Back the Attack."

THE EDITOR.

Germans Retreat From Cassino; Reds Continue To Gain

GROUND FORCE CHIEF



Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who has been selected to lead the rapidly growing American ground forces in the British Isles. As such he becomes one of the team of European invasion leaders.

18 County Men Are Placed In I-A By Local Board

Others Are Classified At A Meeting This Week; List Is Announced

The local board announced classifications of men for military service this week, when 18 men were placed in I-A. Thirteen others were placed in various classifications.

In I-A are: Paul Billings, Paul E. Chappel, Major A. Joines, Charles E. McCann, Wayne Smith, Greek T. Rose, Willie E. Bryan, Rodney F. Busic, Charles R. Whitaker, Howard F. Royal, David R. Gilliam, Jr., Leonard M. Anders, McDale Kennedy, Walter K. Poe, Willie W. Smithers, Joe H. Bobbitt, Ernest P. Edwards and Mack A. Caudill.

In 2-A are: John Bray and Lawrence Ivey.

In 2-C are: Charlie H. Horton.

Cotton Seed Meal Available Feb. 1

A limited supply of 41 percent cotton seed meal will be available at the AAA office, February 1. C. G. Collins, chairman of the AAA committee, announced today.

Mr. Collins also announced that feed wheat is still available and that orders for both wheat and cotton seed meal should be placed in the AAA office as soon as possible.

Halsey Makes Report To Grandchildren



Admiral Halsey, leader of the United States naval forces in the Southwest Pacific, makes a report to his grandchildren on his activities of the past few months. This picture was made at the home of his son-in-law, Preston Lee Sprance, of Centerville, Del., where Halsey visited during a recent leave.

Bombings On Europe Continue; 57 More Japanese Planes Shot Down

The Germans were forced to retreat on two fronts this week as the allied forces pressed the enemy back in southern Italy and the Russians continued to gain ground.

Fifth army patrols were reported yesterday to have entered Cassino, long a bastion of the Germans' cross-Italy line, and this may indicate the beginning of a German withdrawal from the Southern Italian front.

Allied troops extended their bridgehead south of Rome more than 12 miles inland and apparently forced Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring to withdraw units from the bloody Cassino area to meet the threat to the Nazis' two major supply arteries from Rome.

Russian troops have fought their way into the streets of Krasnogvardeisk, important rail junction of Leningrad, Moscow announced today, while other forces to the east have sent the Germans into retreat from their last 50-mile hold on the Moscow Leningrad trunkline.

The allied campaign to flatten enemy installations along the coast of France swept steadily on yesterday as Britan-based bombers and fighters criss-crossed the channel from dawn to dusk and pounded military targets for the third straight day and the fifteenth time this month.

Allied fighter planes torpedo and dive-bombers in second-day

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Stock Clinic To End Next Week

R. E. Black Reminds Farmers That Only Two Days Remain In Schedule

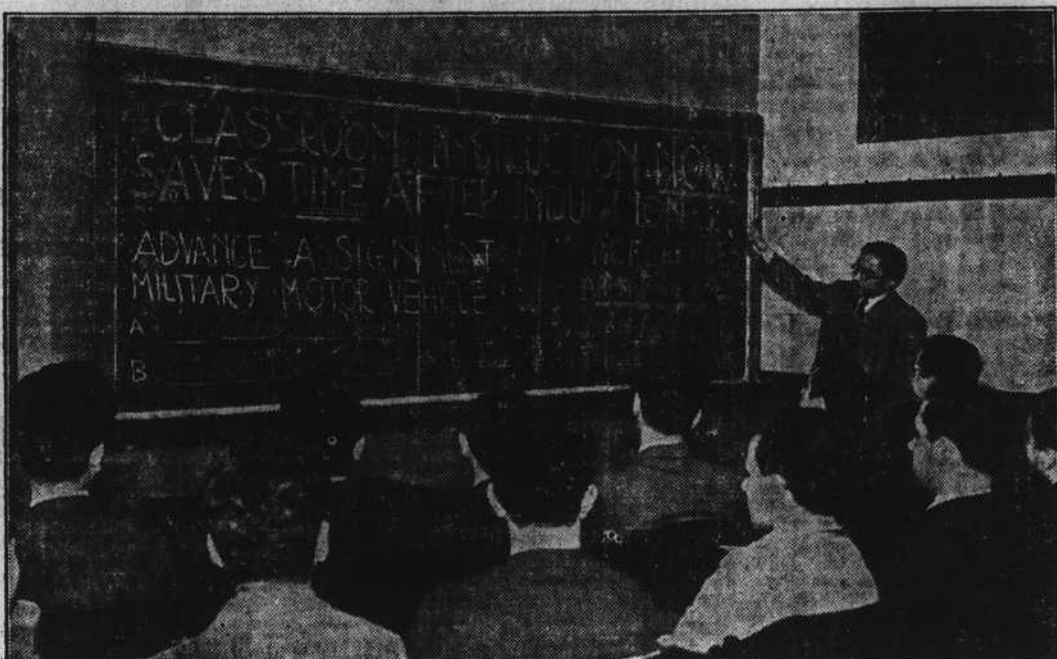
R. E. Black, county agent, this week reminded the farmers of the county who are interested in bringing their stock to the work-stock clinic which is being held throughout the county, that two more days remain in the scheduled announced last week.

February 1—Cary Brown, 9 a. m.; Glade Valley, 10:15 a. m.; J. C. McCann, 11:30 a. m.; Hare, 1:15 p. m.; Hooker, 2:30 p. m.; Sparta, 3:30 p. m.

February 4—Edmonds, 9 a. m.; Barrett, 10:15 a. m.; Boyd Higgins, 11:30 a. m.; B. H. Rector, 1:15 p. m.; Lena R. Gentry, 2:30 p. m.; Lon Reeves, 3:30 p. m.

Mr. Black also emphasized the fact that horses which are brought for the treatment of bots should not be fed twelve hours prior to treatment.

Pre-induction High School Driver Education



A typical high school classroom session in the Pre-induction Driver Education Course recommended by the Army and urged by State authorities in pre-induction training of motor vehicle operators. Alleghany schools are expected to start the course soon.

Seeking Record Of County Men Now In Service

Miss Clyde Fields Is Chairman; Co-operation Of Citizens Is Asked

The Alleghany county war records committee, of which Miss Clyde Fields, Alleghany county superintendent, is collector, announced this week that an effort is being made to secure from families and friends the names and details concerning all men and women from Sparta and rural Alleghany county, who are now in the armed forces.

Miss Fields explained that the co-operation of every person in the county is necessary to obtain a complete record of our men and women in uniform, since the local draft board has no record, whatsoever, of those Alleghanyans who are registered in counties other than Alleghany.

The information desired by Miss Fields includes the name, date of birth, home address, branch of service, date and place enlisted or inducted, rank, foreign or combat service, name and address of parents or next of kin, etc. Copies of the form to be filled out giving this information may be secured from Miss Fields, the Collector, or from the local draft board office.

Serving as a committee with Miss Fields are John M. Cheek, Mrs. Carrie Ham Jones, Mrs. Mexa Phipps and Miss Emoryetta Reeves.

Little Pine To Hold Bond Rally

Event To Be Held Friday Will Feature Music And Speeches

A special War Bond rally will be held at the Little Pine school Friday evening, January 28 at 8 o'clock, when the patrons and children of the school and others who are interested in the bond drive will meet, I. W. Wagoner, district chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive, announced.

Bonds and stamps will be available for sale and Mr. Wagoner urged that everyone attend and expressed the hope that every person attending would help out in the war effort by buying either a bond or some stamps.

Mr. Wagoner announced that in addition to music, other features of entertainment, including a speech by R. F. Crouse, prominent Sparta attorney, will be provided. S. R. Nichols, Alleghany county chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive, will also be present and is expected to speak on the Drive.

Some prizes are to be given away and entertainment will be provided for all those present.

"Everybody come and let's help pass a little more ammunition to our boys," Mr. Wagoner urged.

Alleghany Farmers Plan For Greater Production At Meeting Here Monday

Edwards Is New Superintendent Of Welfare Here

Will Assume His Duties On February 1; Comes From Ashe County

Swanson Edwards has been named Superintendent of Public Welfare of Alleghany county and will assume his new duties here, February 1.

The new superintendent is well acquainted with the work, as well as this field. He comes here from Ashe county where he has been associated with the welfare department there for the past six years, as a case worker.

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Mrs. Weaver, 83, Passes At Peden

Funeral service for Mrs. Sarah Jane Weaver, 83, wife of the late Billie Weaver, of Peden, who died January 14, following an attack of flu and pneumonia, was conducted by Rev. R. L. Berry and Rev. W. H. Caldwell, at Peden Presbyterian church, January 15 at 11 o'clock. Burial followed in the Weaver cemetery at Peden.

Surviving are three daughters, Miss Alice Weaver, Peden; Mrs. Rose McMillan, Baltimore, Md.; and Mrs. Smith Evans, Sparta; four sons, Robert Weaver, Bel Air, Md.; John Weaver, Esprigg, W. Va.; Nathan Weaver, Edgartown, W. Va.; and George Weaver, Peden and one sister, Mrs. Caroline Landreth, Peden.

AAA Leaders Spoke To Group; Fourth War Loan Discussed By Crouse

At a meeting of the AAA county community committeemen, held here Monday, the 1944 AAA program was fully explained.

C. G. Collins, chairman of the local AAA committee, who was in charge of the meeting, introduced Paul Spears, AAA field director, who explained the program, consisting of the agricultural conservation and the war food program.

"Each farmer may contribute substantially to increased production of critically needed crops and livestock products in 1944 by carrying out on his farm the largest possible volume of adopted conservation practices," Mr. Spears said.

R. F. Crouse, Sparta attorney, (Continued on Page 4)

B. L. Collins, 70, Buried Sunday

Funeral service for B. Levi Collins, 70, prominent citizen of the Hare community, who died Thursday, January 20, following an attack of pneumonia, was conducted Sunday at 11 o'clock at Mt. View church, with Rev. Mack Brooks and Rev. Quincy Higgins, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Collins; four daughters: Miss Jane Virginia Collins, Miss Geneva Collins, Miss Mabel Collins, all of Glade Valley and Mrs. Pearl Cockerham, of Bel Air, Md., and two sons, Charlie Collins and Leo Collins, both of Glade Valley.

FSA Group Held Meeting Here Tuesday; Much Interest

A summary of the work of 1943 and plans for work to be carried on in 1944 were discussed here Tuesday at a joint luncheon and business meeting of farm ownership borrowers of the FSA, when officials and farm owners met at the Sparta community building.

Van Miller, Alleghany FSA supervisor, presided over the meeting. Interesting talks were made by Bryan Oliver, District Superintendent for this area, Miss Frances Capel, home demonstration agent for Alleghany and C. G. Collins, a member of the local FSA committee.

Miss Anslee Alexander, home supervisor of FSA for Alleghany, was in charge of the luncheon.

W. O. Hooper, soil conservationist, and Carl Brown and Dillon, members of the FSA com-

mittee, were also present.

Alleghany county now has fifteen families who have bought farms through the FSA, it was pointed out at the meeting. Records of production on these farms during 1943 were discussed and it was stressed that production in 1944 must exceed any yet reached by the farmers of Alleghany county and the farmers of America.

OPA WILL REGULATE VEGETABLE PRICES

Washington — The office of price administration, seeking to prevent sharp increases in fresh vegetable prices during the winter and early spring, announced a schedule this week for pegging the retail prices of carrots, spinach, peas, snap beans, egg plant, peppers and cucumbers.

County Still Far Short Of Quota Given In Drive

\$53,000.00 Of County's Quota Of \$77,000.00 Is Yet To Be Raised

Alleghany county ended the first week of the Fourth War Loan Drive with a total of \$23,914.75, reported yesterday afternoon from sources of sales.

This leaves around \$53,000.00 of the county's quota of \$77,000.00 yet to be raised.

Sources of sales report that there have been a large number of small bonds sold as well as several of larger denominations.

S. R. Nichols, chairman of the drive for Alleghany county, urged today that "everybody put your shoulder to the wheel in order to raise the quota and back the attack".

Much interest is being shown throughout the county and Chairman Nichols urges that the township chairmen turn in to him the committees they have selected to assist them, as soon as possible.

A report from Cary Brown, Whitehead township chairman, names the following committee: M. B. Joines, E. L. Wagoner, Mack Edwards and T. L. Grayson.

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OPA Discussed By Merchants

Price Panel Board Outlines Regulations At A Meeting Held Here

Ceiling prices and OPA regulations were discussed at a meeting held last night for all Alleghany merchants who are now engaged in selling wearing apparel.

The county Price Panel board, composed of Rev. R. L. Berry, Chairman; Mrs. Mexa Phipps and Alton Thompson, with the aid of Mrs. Susie O. Fleetwood, chief clerk of the local ration board, explained to the merchants the necessity of complying with OPA rulings and conducted a general discussion on all regulations concerning wearing apparel.

It was announced also that OPA officials would conduct a check on all merchants some time between February 1 and February 15.

Floyd Pugh, 74, Is Buried Today

Funeral service for Floyd Pugh, 74, of Piney Creek, who died Tuesday night, will be conducted today at 2 o'clock at Mt. Zion Methodist church, with Rev. W. H. Caldwell and Rev. Worth Sweet officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Cary Blevins, Piney Creek, with whom he had made his home for the past few years; one son, Paul Pugh, of Hudson, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Newton Clark, Alamont, N. C.; and one brother, W. M. Pugh, of Kannapolis, N. C.

DEDICATE BONDS TO MEN IN U. S. NAVY

Today is "Navy Day" in the Fourth War Loan Drive and people throughout the country are asked to buy an extra bond in honor of the men and women serving on the seas.

This county now has a large number of men and women in the navy and attention is called to them by this paper today.

Buy an extra bond today and it may help to save one of our ships or it may help to sink an extra ship of the enemy.

Men on the high seas or overseas qualify under the special dedication offer of this paper during the Fourth War Loan.