

## Shooting Fatal To Lee Blair Of Baywood Section

Montgomery Held By Virginia Authorities; Gave Up To Alleghany Officers

Lee Grand Blair, 20-year-old negro of the Baywood section, just across the Virginia line, was instantly killed Sunday about noon, when Deck Montgomery, 40, also of Baywood, shot him in the head with a shotgun, at the Montgomery home and hid the body under a fodder stack, local officers reported this week.

Montgomery, who gave himself up to Alleghany county authorities here, Monday morning, was turned over to officers at Independence, Va., Grayson county seat, where he is being held for investigation.

According to the testimony of Montgomery, given to sheriff Jess Moxley, Blair was seated in a chair and Montgomery was standing about 2 feet in front of him examining the gun when it went off, the shot hitting Blair in the center of his forehead. Montgomery claimed that he was under such strain and was so frightened that he hardly remembered dragging the body and hiding it under a fodder stack about 200 yards from the house, according to officers. There were no witnesses to the accident, officers stated.

Montgomery's wife, it was stated, had gone to visit a neighbor and did not return until later in the afternoon. On Monday morning, Montgomery brought her to the home of her father, Elmore Maines, of Sparta, and gave himself up to officers here, telling them what he had done and giving the exact location of the body (Continued On Page Four)

## Urge Farmers To Sign AAA Plans

It was announced by C. G. Collins, chairman of the AAA committee, that less than fifty percent of the farmers of Alleghany county have signed their 1944 farm plan.

Meetings were held in each community for the purpose of signing the plans but few responded, Mr. Collins stated. The plans must be signed if the farmers expect to participate in the 1944 farm program and receive conservation materials as they have in the past, he explained.

Any one who has not signed their plan may do so by calling at the AAA office, it was pointed out.

## ODT Will Help Truck Operators

Will Offer Assistance In Securing Needed Repair Parts

Truck operators who are having difficulty locating replacement parts and tires needed to put essential vehicles back on the road may appeal to the Office of Defense Transportation for assistance, the ODT District Office in Winston-Salem, reminded the public yesterday.

The service is available to all operators of trucks, including farmers, merchants, highway freight lines, bus and taxicab companies, according to T. W. Hancock, ODT District Manager. Through its maintenance specialists in all key cities and maintenance advisory committees and sub-committees throughout the country, the ODT can usually locate critical parts or tires within a few days, Mr. Hancock said.

Mr. Hancock pointed out, however, governmental aid in locating needed parts is strictly an emergency service and will be offered only to operators who have exhausted every normal means of locating needed items. If every effort has been unsuccessful, however, operators may enlist ODT aid by merely contacting the nearest ODT District Office or Maintenance Advisory Committee, or Sub-Committee. The request should include the name and manufacturer's description of the needed part and the dealer's name through whom part has been ordered, as well as a statement of the attempts the operator has made to locate the wanted item through regular channels.

## New Medicine Men On Van Guna



Natives on Van Guna island in the Pacific are being attended by a new kind of medicine man these days. United States navy doctors not only watch the health of our men but often care for native populations.

## Russians Take Big Iron Town; Planes Bomb German Cities

### To Start Using Ration Tokens Here Next Week

Ration Board Explains Usage; Institutional Users Must Apply

The local rationing board this week again reminds the public that between February 27 and March 20, inclusive, blue tokens as well as green one point stamps, may be used in making change for valid green and blue stamps, which are surrendered upon purchase of processed foods.

Also between the same dates, red tokens, as well as brown one point stamps may be used in making change for valid brown and red stamps which are surrendered upon a purchase of ration order 16 foods, it was announced by the OPA office.

After March 20, red tokens and blue tokens only may be given as change against red and blue stamps, it was explained.

It was explained that through February 28, spare stamps number 3 in War Ration Book Four will be valid for five points in the purchase of pork products including fresh and cured, all sausage (Continued on Page 4)

## Dr. McDonald Was A Visitor Here

Dr. Ralph McDonald, seeking the nomination as Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, was a visitor in Sparta Tuesday.

Dr. McDonald called on a number of merchants and businessmen in town. He was accompanied by Horton Doughton, of Statesville.

## Will Begin Work On Honor Roll Board Here This Week

Work on the Alleghany service men's honor roll board is expected to begin this week, Jess Moxley, commander of American Legion Post "98", announced today.

Clenel Richardson, of the Sparta Manufacturing company, has contracted the construction of the board and Lincoln Hill will paint the names of those men and women in service, it was announced.

Mr. Moxley also pointed out that while proceeds from the dance, held Saturday night, amounted to \$80.00 and while several donations have been received, more money is needed for the construction of the plaque. He urged that all persons wishing to donate any amount to the building fund do so at once.

It was announced that a complete list of names could not be secured from the local draft board since they have no record of those who volunteered for service, those who were registered with other boards and those who were already in the army

### American Bombers Slash Japanese Base In The South Pacific

Allied forces continued to advance on all fronts this week with the Russians capturing the big iron city of Krivoi Rog and Stalin announcing that within the past year the Germans had been swept from much of the Russian territory.

Major aircraft factories at four cities deep inside Germany were blasted yesterday in coordinated assaults by American heavy bombers from Britain and Italy.

This first and effective demonstration of the double-barreled assault system towards which the U. S. strategic air forces in Europe (Continued on Page Four)

## Harold Edwards Buried Sunday

Funeral service for Harold Young Edwards, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Edwards, of Sparta, was conducted Sunday at the Sparta Baptist church, with Rev. R. L. West and Rev. W. H. Handy officiating. Interment followed in the Sparta cemetery.

Harold, who had been ill for the past month, died Saturday, February 18, in the Mount Airy hospital. He is survived by his parents and two brothers, David Coy, 5, and Stewart Lee, 9 months of age. Also surviving are his grandfather, Young Edwards and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Faw Bennett, of Sparta.

Pallbearers were classmates: Charles Higgins, J. M. Bennett, Joe McMillan, Tommy Burgess and Earl Woodruff.

Flower girls were Misses Carmen Edwards, Virginia Phipps, Reba Bennett, Retha Bennett and Mary Gray.

## OPA Meeting Of Merchants Will Be Held March 1

All Price Panel Assistants Are Also Asked To Attend Meeting

In preparation for the check to be made by federal OPA authorities in the near future, a meeting of the managers of all business firms and all merchants who have filed ceiling prices with the Alleghany price panel board, will be held at the community building Wednesday, March 1, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the local ration board, announced today.

All price panel assistants in the county are also asked to attend the meeting, at which Mrs. A. D. Folger, J. Mack Moore and Mrs. Alice I. Timmons, of the district office in Charlotte, will be ready to answer any question they might have concerning price control.

At the meeting of the Sparta price panel board and the merchants of the county, Friday night, Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman of the county price panel, explained to the merchants that the price assistants appointed throughout the county to check the stores were rendering a great service rather than "policing" the stores.

"We must be ready for the check-up by the authorities and these women are helping you to see that everything is in readiness," he explained to the merchants.

Fourteen merchants attended the meeting where a discussion of ceiling prices on women's rayon hosiery and women's, children's and girls' outer-wear garments was held.

Robert Allison and J. K. Waggoner, the two new members of the price panel board were present.

## Legion Post To Assist Veterans

Will Assist In Making Application For "Muster-Out-Pay"

Assistance in filing claims for mustering-out pay by any member of the United States armed forces who has been honorably discharged will be provided by the local American Legion Post, it was announced today by Jess Moxley, Commander of the Alleghany Post of the American Legion.

Veterans discharged since the recent mustering-out law was approved will receive their pay without filing applications, but those discharged prior to approval of the bill must comply with two orders: (1) Submit a certificate of discharge of service; (2) Submit an informal type of application stating his name and address, service number, serial or file number, showing that he was not discharged to accept employment without service outside the United States, that he is not now on active duty, that he has not made any other application for mustering-out pay; the state in which he lived when inducted, and whether or not he has had foreign service.

The application form will not be printed by the Army or Navy, but the veteran may copy it or may submit a facsimile from its publication. The local Post has arranged to have plenty of application blanks mimeographed and now has such application blanks and instructions on hand, ready to assist local veterans of World War II desiring such assistance.

There are two questions soldiers back from fighting always ask first: "Where can I get a hot bath?" and "Where can I get a thick steak?" Red Cross clubs all over the world provide both wherever possible for battle-weary men.

## BAPTIST CIRCLE WILL MEET NEXT SATURDAY

Circle I of the Sparta Baptist church will hold the delayed meeting Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Glenn Richardson, when Mrs. R. L. West, newly elected president, will preside. Mrs. C. A. Reeves will be program leader on the topic, "Africa Steps into World's Life."

## Marines Continue Marshall Campaign



Two marines on Namur relax in their machine-gun nest as a 24-hour battle ended. One of the Jap buildings struck by artillery fire burns in the background. American forces continue their campaign on the Marshalls by smashing at Eniwetok for three consecutive days.

## Appeal Is Made For Support Of Red Cross, Will Meet On Monday

Special Gift Clubs To Be Organized; Need Is Greater This Year

Final plans for the Red Cross Drive in Alleghany county, which opens next week, will be made Monday evening at 7:30 at the community building when all special committeemen and workers will meet with C. C. Lovewell, Red Cross field director, drive chairman W. O. Hooper announced this week.

It was pointed out by members of the committee that the support of everyone would be asked in helping to raise the county's quota of \$3,400.00.

It was explained that 90 percent of the funds raised go to service of men in the armed forces. Hundreds of Alleghany men are now in the fighting forces and deserved the support of everyone here at home, one member declared.

Mr. Hooper also announced that two Red Cross films will be shown at the meeting and he urged that every worker and every person in the county interested in the drive be present.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Alleghany chapter, last Thursday, it was decided that four clubs would be organized during the Red Cross drive. There will be the \$25.00 club, the \$15.00 club, the \$10.00 club and the \$5.00 club. Persons or firms donating the amount designated in the name of the club will be entitled to membership in that club, it was explained. As was explained previously, the quota of \$3,400.00 this year greatly exceeds that of last year and it will be necessary to ask each family in Alleghany for a larger donation.

## This Is Election Year, But There's Little Interest Now In Politics In This County

By Staff Writer

With the primary election for the selection of party nominees only about three months off, there is still little or no interest in politics in Alleghany county. This lack of interest in matters politically is not only confined to this county, but it is said to be rather general throughout the state and nation.

It is said to be proof of the fact that the people are primarily interested in winning the war and that they are today working harder than ever.

Many thinking citizens lament the necessity of holding elections at all during this critical year and others fervently contend that this is no time for the public to divert their minds from the war and get excited and disunited over political battles.

On the other hand, it is emphasized that World War II is being fought in order that Democracy and the right to hold elections may be preserved and that

## 12 County Men Are Accepted In Military Service

Took Pre-induction Examinations At Camp Croft; List Is Given

A group of 12 Alleghany county men passed pre-induction examinations at Camp Croft and were accepted for military service this week.

Accepted for the army were: Kyle Arnold Reeves, Zeb Vance Black, Paul Eugene Chapell, Leonard Mack Andrews, Emerson Woodrow Mabe, John Cam Hill, Iverson Gene Hill, Rodney Franklin Busic, Joe Leonard Reed and Terry Stone.

Mack Dale Kennedy was accepted for the army air corps and James Walter Church was accepted for the navy.

A group of 48 men left here Sunday for pre-induction examinations at Camp Croft. In the group were several fathers and prominent business men.

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## Extra Stamp For Meat Now In Use

It was announced by the local ration board that effective February 18 through February 26, Spare Stamp No. 3 in War Ration Book Four will be valid for five points in the purchase of pork products including fresh and cured, all sausage regardless of pork content, and canned meats of 100 percent pork content.

## Bond Sales Are Still Mounting; Far Over Quota

List Of Prize Winners Given; Schools Did Outstanding Work

Alleghany county bond sales continued to rise during the past week, placing the county well over the total bond quota, with estimated sales reaching \$112,336.75.

This gives the county around \$35,336.75 over the total quota of \$77,000.00. The quota on "E" bond sales was exceeded by \$20,956.00 last week.

Winners of the prizes offered by the merchants of Sparta to the school boy or girl selling the most bonds during the drive and to the school selling the most bonds were announced this week by a committee composed of S. R. Nichols, special chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive, Alton Thompson, chairman, Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools and Robert Allison, chairman of the Sparta merchants.

Hugh Hash, of Piney Creek school, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hash, of Piney Creek, was winner of the first prize of a \$25 war bond for the school boy selling the most bonds, with a total of \$12,862.50 to his credit. Lucille Whitaker, of Little Pine school won second prize of \$10.00 in war stamps, with her sales amounting to \$9,412.50. Winner of the third prize of \$5.00 in war savings stamps was Evelyn Mitchell, of Sparta school, with \$8,456.25. Junior Rizoti, Sparta school, was given honorable mention for the excellent work that he has done during this drive, with a total of \$7,762.50 to his credit.

New River school was the winner of the prize of \$10.00 in cash for the school receiving credit for selling the most bonds. This prize offered on a percentage basis, was awarded this school of thirteen students who sold \$1,537.50 (face value) worth of bonds. Mrs. Maggie Osborne, teacher at New River, announced that the students themselves made a canvass of the community.

The committee, which awarded the prizes, explained that the prizes might be claimed by calling at the Northwestern Bank.

Reports of bond sales from all the schools in the county are as follows: (these figures represent the face value of the bonds and not the maturity value):

New River school, \$1,537.50; Sparta, \$22,218.75; Little Pine, \$9,412.50; Piney Creek, \$14,850. (Continued on Page Four)

## Poultry Meet Is Well Attended

Parrish, Of State College, Speaks To Group At District Meeting

Alleghany county, along with six others, was represented at a district poultry meeting in Wilkesboro last Friday where C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist of the State College Extension Service, Raleigh, was the chief speaker.

Mr. Parrish led a discussion on the feed situation, explaining that it is possible to make some profit on the sale of eggs regardless of the cost of feed. He predicted that within three months' time, there would be a radical change in the market, which would be favorable to the owners of large flocks.

In order to maintain a flock with a high egg production, Mr. Parrish said, one should observe the following rules: Keep only hens from blood-tested chicks, cull at regular intervals, provide some green food, avoid crowding in the laying house, keep free of lice and mites, provide proper feed and drinking water at all times and practice good sanitation.

Following this, a round-table discussion of the construction of brooder houses and the care of baby chicks was led by Mr. Parrish.

T. R. Royster, district supervisor and FSA officials from the following counties were present: Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Caldwell, Wilkes, and Alexander. Those attending from this county were Van F. Miller, County FSA Supervisor; Miss Ainslee C. Alexander, Associate Supervisor and Charlie Roberts.