

Red Cross War Fund Drive Underway

Alleghany Leaders Hold Enthusiastic Meeting Here

Business And Professional Men Organize

Invite Leaders In Rural Areas To Join New County-wide Organization

OFFICERS ELECTED

An organization to promote civic, business, industrial, tourists, agricultural, educational and general welfare interests of Sparta and Alleghany county was formed here last Friday night at an enthusiastic meeting of business and professional men and women held in the community building under the sponsorship of The Alleghany News and its editor, Miss Emoryetta Reeves, with Ed M. Anderson, publisher of the paper, as the principal speaker.

No name was selected for the organization, but it was unanimously decided that its functions would combine those of a civic club, merchants association and chamber of commerce since none of these organizations are in operation here at this time.

Floyd Crouse was elected president, Charlie Roe, vice-president and Mrs. Pauline Edwards, secretary and treasurer.

Eight of a proposed number of fifteen directors were chosen, as follows: Floyd Crouse, C. R. Roe, Dr. T. R. Burgiss, Alton Thompson, Dr. N. D. Fox, Dr. C. A. Thompson, Amos Wagoner and Robert Allison.

The other seven directors will (Continued on Page 4)

Harold Buried Sunday

Young Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Hicks Hash Is A Victim Of Leukemia

Funeral service for Harold Edwin Hash, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks Hash, of Sparta, was conducted Sunday at two o'clock at the Sparta Baptist church with Rev. Richard West, Rev. W. H. Caldwell and Rev. Brice Barton officiating. Interment followed in the Piney Creek cemetery.

Harold, who died at his home here, Sunday evening, following a long illness, was a victim of a rare disease, leukemia.

Surviving are the parents, a younger brother, Ronny, 3 years old; and both grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, of Piney Creek and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hash, of Grassy Creek and Maryland. Also surviving are several cousins and a host of little friends.

Pallbearers were schoolmates, Tommy Burgiss, Joe McMillan, Franklin Sturdivant, Charles Higgins, Rudy Roe and Richard Workman.

Flower girls were members of Harold's Sunday School class: Patsy Roy Burgiss, teacher; Susie Sturdivant, Nancy Waddell, Sarah Ann and Eugenia Hickerson, Shirley Ann Thompson, Carol Hoppers, Ann Thompson and Wilma and Carol Richardson.

MARCH WINDS BLOW RAIN, SNOW HERE

This section experienced one of the strongest wind storms of the season over the week-end. Little damage, except to roofs, was reported, however. Nearby sections in Virginia suffered much more damage.

Winds continued this week, mixed with both rain and snow. Many predicted yesterday, when the snow started, that this section was due for another blizzard, which it experienced two years ago in March.

"I hope we have about another month of cold weather, to keep the fruit in", a farmer remarked yesterday.

He explained that early warm weather made the fruit bud too soon, and as a result, it was usually all killed.

Marines Advance In Pacific Area; Nazis Suffer Large Losses

MISSING IN ACTION



Technical Sergeant Roy E. Richardson, son of Lloyd S. Richardson, of Furches, has been missing in action in Italy since January 30, according to a telegram from the Secretary of War. Sgt. Richardson, who entered service over two years ago, was a gunner on a flying fortress. The telegram stated that further information would be sent as soon as it was received.

School Assisting Farmers Repair Their Equipment

Much Interest In Classes Now Being Held At Piney Creek School

E. C. Minnich, Piney Creek agricultural teacher, announced this week that the farm machinery repair classes were still in progress on Tuesdays and Thursdays and that if enough interest was shown two more classes would begin after March 23.

The present classes, conducted on Tuesdays at the school shop and on Thursdays at W. R. Barr's shop from 9 to 4 o'clock, will end March 23, he pointed out.

Mr. Minnich explained that several harrows had been repaired. (Continued On Page Four)

County Teachers To Meet Saturday

A county-wide teachers' meeting will be held Saturday, March 18 in the reading room of Sparta high school, Supt. Clyde Fields announced this week.

Every teacher in the county is expected to be present as many matters of importance are to be discussed, she pointed out.

Wellborn Makes Qualifying Jump

First Lieutenant William R. Wellborn, Jr., of the U. S. Army Medical Corps and son of Mrs. W. R. Wellborn and the late Dr. Wellborn, of Elkin, has qualified as a paratrooper and has won the right to wear the wings and boots of the famous outfit.

He made his fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap identical to actual combat work in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training at Fort Benning, Ga., on February 26.

Americans Have Gained Control Of The Los Negroes Island

American troops now control Los Negroes island in the Admiralties, and United States marines have landed near Talasea on Willaumez peninsula nearly midway on the north coast of New Britain, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced yesterday.

The Los Negroes island success put the Americans in possession of the beach on the west coast of Seadler harbor, which juts eastward into horseshoe-shaped Los Negroes, and further clinches possession of Momote airdrome which, MacArthur said, was now ready to receive allied planes.

The Soviet offensive toward Rumania and into Southern Poland over-ran 200 more localities and reached a hamlet 11 miles north of Tarnopol yesterday while at other points along the Russian salient desperate German counterattacks with heavy forces were pounded back with a loss of 60 tanks, Moscow announced.

The old Polish border station of Fodvolochisk and the hamlet of Trovitsa, 32 miles across the frontier and 11 miles north of Tarnopol, were taken in advances on the fourth day of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's advance, the Russians said.

More than 1,200 Nazi dead were counted and "large numbers of smashed enemy equipment was left on the battlefield," said the late Moscow bulletin, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast. "War material was captured and many prisoners taken."

American heavy and medium bombers based in Italy struck (Continued on Page Four)

Republicans To Meet On Saturday

Meeting To Be Held At Court-House At 7:30 Delegates To Be Chosen

A good attendance is expected at the convention of the Republican party of Alleghany county to be held at the Sparta courthouse Saturday night at 7:30 p. m.

The convention is called by Chairman Beal Poole to elect delegates to the state convention which meets in Charlotte, March 16.

Frank Roupe, of Furches, is secretary of the GOP in Alleghany county and the following men are township chairmen: Cranberry, S. S. Landreth; Gap Civil, Dewey Sturdivant; Glade Creek, D. C. Wyatt; Whitehead, M. B. Joines; Cherry Lane, R. L. Hanks; Prather's Creek, Carl Cook and Piney Creek, T. W. Landreth.

Extension Date Of Stamps Given

The expiration date of sugar stamp No. 30, which was scheduled for March 31 has been extended to an indefinite period of time, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, announced today.

She also pointed out that there will be no definite expiration date on sugar stamp No. 31, which will be good on April 1.

The OPA, she explained, took this action to avoid a last minute rush in sugar buying with stamp No. 30. If, at any time, the OPA office sees fit to set an expiration date, housewives will be warned in plenty of time to buy their sugar, Mrs. Fleetwood explained.

It was also announced that any time after March 15, truck owners could apply for their gas coupons for the second quarter.

Officers Of New County-wide Civic Organization



FLOYD CROUSE, who was elected president of the organization at a meeting held last Friday night in the community building.



CHARLES R. ROE, principal of the Sparta high school and owner of the Western Auto store, who was elected vice-president.



MRS. PAULINE EDWARDS, manager of Cash and Carry store, who was elected secretary and treasurer of the new organization.

House Passes Bill To Increase Burley Acreage

Congressman Doughton Is Active In Passage Of The Measure

Alleghany Burley tobacco growers, along with others, may have a chance to increase their acreage allotment this year if the Flannagan Bill, which has already passed the House, is approved by the Senate.

A message received by this paper, Tuesday, from Congressman Doughton, is as follows: "Flannagan tobacco bill has passed House with my full support. Bill now before Senate Agricultural Committee. But no definite date has been set for it to be heard or reported out of committee. Am doing what I can to expedite the matter." (Continued On Page Four)

OPA Will Check Grocery Stores

Check In County In Line With That Throughout Entire Nation

A food check of all stores in the county will be conducted during the period of March 13-18, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany county ration board, announced this week.

This check, to be made by the twenty six price panel assistants in the county, will be conducted all over the United States as well as in Alleghany, Mrs. Fleetwood pointed out.

The 44 Alleghany stores are to be checked for posting, charts and for ceiling prices of 15 grocery items, a list of which is to be kept a secret until the check begins.

All those persons violating the OPA rulings will be called in by the local board and checked again between April 3 and April 8, Mrs. Fleetwood explained. If the panel assistants find everything in (Continued on Page 4)

Payments Go To Dairy Farmers

Dairy feed payments on February production of milk are now being made in the county, AAA Chairman C. G. Collins announced this week.

Producers whose January payment was less than \$1.00 may combine the January and February production, he explained.

Applications are now being mailed to all milk producers, it was pointed out, and the final date for filing them will be April 30.

Chairman Collins explained that the rates of payment will be the same as announced for January production.

County Board Of Education Discusses School Problems; 1944-45 Budget Is Studied

Alleghany Boys Given A. C. Test

Reports From Aviation Cadet Tests Will Be Sent Here Soon

A group of 32 Alleghany county boys, 31 from Sparta high school and one from Piney Creek school, were given the mental screening test for aviation cadets for the army air forces, recently, at Sparta school.

Lt. Leslie T. Crozier, from the Charlotte Recruiting district, who gave the tests, pointed out that both the U. S. Government and the State Department of Education were interested in results from the tests and that the actual grades will be sent to the high school principal, C. R. Roe, within approximately two weeks' time.

Lt. Crozier explained that the (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Miller Joins Doughton's Staff

Mrs. Paul Miller, who with Mr. Miller, has been in Wisconsin for more than a year, has joined the staff of Congressman R. L. Doughton, of the House Ways and Means Committee, as assistant committee clerk.

Mrs. Miller, who has many friends and relatives in this section, was employed as secretary to W. B. Austin for a number of years.

Local Merchants Pleased With Ration Tokens Now In Use

Sparta merchants who are using the new ration tokens agree unanimously that under the new program their work will be much easier.

Although comparatively few tokens have been used to date since the red and green stamps in ration book No. 3 are still good and merchants are urging that these coupons be used before beginning with the new tokens, it is generally conceded that they are a good thing and will make the food ration plan much easier for everybody concerned.

Miss Mae Doughton, of Jay Hardin's Store, says that the tokens will simplify the ration business no end and that she doesn't think they will be too hard to keep up with.

Mrs. Pauline Edwards, manager of Cash and Carry Store, explained that she would be very

Closing Dates Of Schools Expected To Be Around May 18

Looking ahead, the Alleghany county board of education discussed the budget for the 1944-45 school year, at the regular meeting on Monday. This will be presented to the county commission at a later date, it was announced.

A number of other matters, regarding attendance, hour of opening of schools in the morning and the dates for commencement were also discussed by the board.

The board recommended that all principals as soon as possible open schools earlier in the morning and have as short recesses as seemed advisable so as not to interfere in any way with the welfare of the child's health, in order to get the children home earlier in the afternoons to help the parents. (Continued on Page Four)

Car Owners Must Remove Old Tags

Automobile owners are again reminded by highway officials that all old 1943 license tags are to be removed from cars.

Only the one tag for 1944 is to be left on. It was pointed out that some car owners were leaving one 1943 tag on their car, together with the 1944 tag. This should not be done as it is confusing, officials point out. It is understood that in some places, drivers are being fined for this.

\$329.00 Reported Yesterday; Much More Is Needed

County Far Short Of Quota Of \$3,400.00; Co-operation Is Asked

Reports late yesterday afternoon revealed that contributions in the Red Cross War Fund Drive have only reached \$329.00, less than one-tenth of the quota of \$3,400.00.

W. O. Hooper, chairman of the drive pointed out, however, that a number of the communities in the county were making special drives and that no reports had been turned in.

It was explained that to date no canvass has been made of the business houses of Sparta, but it is understood that such a campaign will get underway this week end. All business firms are expected to contribute either \$25.00 or \$50.00.

All workers are urged to turn in what they have collected and to continue with their solicitations until they have covered all of their communities. Additional supplies may be secured from Mr. Hooper.

"We are off to a slow start, and we need many more contributions if our quota is to be reached," Chairman Hooper said.

I. W. Wagoner reported \$70.30 from the Glade Creek community with a list of those who contributed to be announced next week.

From the Chestnut Grove community, Mrs. Sam Perry reports added to the list of contributors this week are Swanson Edwards, \$10.00 and the Northwestern Bank, \$50.00.

Five Cases Tried At Sparta Mon.

Magistrates B. F. Wagoner and G. Glenn Nichols Hear Trials

Five cases for persons, arrested by local authorities over the week end, were tried here this week by B. F. Wagoner and G. Glenn Nichols, magistrates.

Walter Richardson, of Stratford, was fined \$5.00 and cost for public drunkenness.

Buren Evans, of Whitehead, was bound over to superior court by Magistrate B. F. Wagoner, for public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon.

Aras Taylor, arrested on a charge of larceny, was released on a \$150.00 bond. His trial is set for an early date.

Sam Griffen and Paul Bonhan, of Grant, Va., who were arrested Friday by Sheriff Jess Moxley, were tried by B. F. Wagoner. Griffen was fined \$5.00 and cost for public drunkenness and Bonhan was fined \$30.00 and cost for driving without driver's license and also for driving without automobile license.

Rationing Guide

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 30 (book four) good for five lbs. indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (book four) good for five pounds, become valid April 1. Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 (book one) expires April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 (book three) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, yet to be designated, will become valid May 1.

PROCESSED FOODS—green K, L and M (book 4) expire March 20. Blue A-5 through E-5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20.

MEATS AND FATS—Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 20. Red A-5, B-5, C-5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20. (Red D-5, E-5 become valid March 12; expire May 20).