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Red Cross War Fund Drive Passes \$1,000

Dr. Robert King Will Return To Central Africa

Quits Health Department After Nearly Five Years Of Service

Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer for Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties announced yesterday that he would leave March 22 for New York and would sail from there to Africa, via Lisbon.

He plans to take up his work again as a medical missionary under the Southern Presbyterian Mission Board in the Belgian Congo.

He served in this area for a number of years, but returned to this country several years ago because of the ill health of his late wife.

Dr. King has served efficiently as health officer of three counties since the departments were stated in Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga in 1938. He has made his home at Boone since 1935.

As far as it could be learned yesterday, no one has been appointed to succeed him as health officer.

OPA Making Check On Grocery Stores

County-wide Survey Is Being Made Of Food Stores For Prices

A drive to mobilize price control forces among retailers and consumers in Alleghany is now being launched under the direction of the OPA.

The drive is being conducted to conduct a survey of every food store in this area with the main objective of getting retailers to understand necessary price control requirements.

In the survey, 10 popular market-basket food items will be checked for selling and ceiling prices. A second check, about two weeks later, will be made of all food stores where price violations were discovered on the first check. Later, storekeepers who were found "out of line" during the second survey will be asked to meet with the price panel of the local board and deliberate violations will be referred to the OPA district office for enforcement action.

Meanwhile, a training period of price panel assistants and board representatives is underway at local board headquarters, where preparations are being made for the drive.

Price officials said that one of the primary jobs of the local board now is to show retailers that complete compliance with price regulations will result in firm control of living costs in this area. He also emphasized that the drive also will serve to protect storekeepers and their customers from black market competition.

At the same time it will enable the board to bring deliberate violators to the attention of OPA enforcement officials as a protection for the great majority of honest merchants who are abiding by the price control regulations.

W. M. S. TO MEET SAT.

Circle 1 of the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Amos Wagoner.

ANNOUNCE TIME FOR ISSUING RATION BOOKS

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, announced this week that ration books will be issued only between the hours of 9 to 3 o'clock.

This ruling, she explained, was made in co-operation with the Northwestern Bank, where the books are kept overnight. The bank closes at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the books must be there at that hour.

The ration board office will be open at the regular hours, she pointed out.

10,000 Nazis Are Killed In Trap; 31 Jap Planes Downed

WINS MEDAL



Lt. Daily P. Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Gambill, of near Sparta, has been decorated with the Soldier's Medal for heroism at New Britain during the period from September 25 to October 6, 1943, the War Department recently announced. Lt. Gambill, who is with the infantry in the Pacific area, took part in the attack on Buna and was wounded in action, there.

Republican At State Meet In Charlotte, To Meet Here Friday, April 14 To Nominate County Candidates

Six delegates and six alternates were elected Saturday night at the Republican convention held at the Sparta courthouse. They attended the district convention of the Republican party in Taylorsville, yesterday, and went from there to Charlotte, where they are attending the state convention today.

Delegates are: Cranberry, S. S. Landreth and W. M. Ham; Gap Civil, John Mac Edwards, D. F. Sturdivant and M. A. Goodman; Whitehead, M. H. Scott and Claude Holloway; Cherry Lane.

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Will Work On Union Cemetery

It has been announced that all persons interested in the upkeep of the Union church cemetery, meet there on Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31.

It was pointed out that the cleaning of the cemetery will be completed and that the ground will be grassed.

All those interested are urged to aid in the work.

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London Is Again Raided By Nazi Fire Bombers After 12 Days' Rest

Renewed activities on all fronts continued this week with the Allies making substantial gains.

The Red army encircled "several Nazi divisions" in the Southern Ukraine and has already killed 10,000 and captured another 4,000 while other Soviet forces reached a point 21 miles from the Black sea port of Nikolaev and smashed across the Bug river in an area 60 miles from the Rumanian frontier, the Russians announced yesterday.

More than 230 localities were declared captured by Soviet forces on three Ukrainian fronts, with the most important gains made in the southeast and north-central area.

The allied airforce downed 31 enemy planes for certain, destroyed a three ship convoy, a number of small craft and barges in widespread attacks on Japanese targets from Hollandia, New Guinea, to Rabaul in a 48-hour period ending Monday.

Headquarters announced the actions yesterday.

Speedy navy patrol torpedo (Continued on Page Four)

Tax Collections In County Good

A Penalty Is Now Being Levied On Unpaid Back Taxes

Sheriff Jess Moxley, county treasurer, announced this week that to date, \$37,148.39 had been collected on the 1943 Alleghany taxes, leaving only \$7,304.39 or about one-seventh of the '43 taxes unpaid. This is considered good.

Sheriff Moxley pointed out that a penalty of two percent on each dollar is now being charged on those unpaid taxes and that this penalty would increase each month.

It was explained that the total amount of unpaid taxes also included the poll tax of Alleghany men in service, tax which they would not be required to pay.

Dairy Payments To Be Continued

C. G. Collins, chairman of the AAA, announced this week that dairy production payments will be continued through March and April at 80 cents per hundred-weight for whole milk and 8 cents per pound for butterfat.

Payments will be made on February production at the same rates as in January, he explained.

It was also announced that producers have until April 30 to file applications for February payments.

Record Is Made By Sparta Girls

The Sparta girls' basketball team lost to the Children's Home girls by a score of 52-18 in the second game played by the Sparta girls in the Journal and Sentinel basketball tournament, on Tuesday afternoon.

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In the first game that Sparta entered, the Sparta girls won over the Shoals girls 19-17, in one of the most hard-fought games of the tournament.

The Sparta boys' team lost to the Franklin boys last Thursday afternoon by a score of 18-14. The score was tied during the greater part of the game, the Franklin boys coming up in the last quarter to win by 4 points.

WHITAKER GRANTED PAROLE THIS MONTH

Arthur F. Whitaker, of the Twin Oaks community, was granted a parole by the State Parole Board on March 6, local authorities announced this week.

Whitaker, who was tried and convicted in superior court last October on the charges of assault, resisting arrest and driving drunk, was sentenced to 12 months' prison term which began on December 1.

Roosevelt Is First Red Cross Member In Current Drive



President Roosevelt was the first member to be enrolled in the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund campaign, the goal of which is \$200,000,000. The Red Cross emblem is being pinned on the Chief Executive's coat lapel by Mary K. Browne, former tennis champion, as Leon Fraser, campaign chairman, looks on.

Record Big Still Destroyed Near Here By Officers

Outfit Had A Capacity Of 10,000 Gallons; No Arrests Are Made

The largest "moonshine" still ever found in Alleghany county was destroyed last week by Sheriff Jess Moxley and Deputies Glenn Richardson and George Royall near the old Duncan Mill on Little River.

Officers stated that the still, when completely set up, would have had a capacity of 10,000 gallons.

Around 4,500 gallons of mash just ready to run, was destroyed along with nine pine boxes, averaging 5x5x14 feet with a capacity of around 1,000 gallons each.

A large double boiler, made with two 55-gallon barrels, was also smashed.

It was pointed out that such an "outfit" would have had to been kept going steadily twenty-four hours a day to have taken care of all the liquor run off.

No arrests were made, officers pointed out, as no one was on the premises. Federal men also made an investigation of the case.

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Merchants, Business And Professional Group Will Meet Here On Friday Night

Dinner Meeting At Community Building At 7:30; Plans To Be Discussed

Business and professional men and merchants will hold a dinner meeting at the community building on Friday night, when organization plans; started when the group met two weeks ago under the sponsorship of this paper, will be completed.

Mayor Floyd Crouse, who was chosen president at the initial meeting, will preside and a number of important business matters, including the naming of the organization, the election of additional directors and other matters will be brought before the group.

At the preliminary meeting two weeks ago, it was unanimously agreed that the new organization would combine the functions of a civic club, merchants association and a chamber of commerce, since the county has none of these organizations. Plans for immediate activities are expected to be discussed at the meeting on Friday.

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Bert Richardson Hurt In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Richardson, of Ennice, were recently notified by the War Department that their son, Pfc. Bert Richardson had been wounded in action.

Pfc. Richardson was with the 5th army in Italy and has been overseas for a number of months.

Big Waste Paper Drive Is Now Being Sponsored By 4-H Clubs

A waste paper campaign, under the sponsorship of the 4-H clubs, is now underway in Alleghany county, R. E. Black, chairman of the salvage committee, announced today.

Members of the Sparta club began their canvass of the town yesterday and plan to continue the drive for an indefinite period.

The paper, it is understood, will be stored in the Sparta school house, awaiting transportation to Galax, where it will be sold.

Mr. Black pointed out that the paper must be collected promptly and transported quickly to the dealers, since, unlike scrap metal, it is a fire hazard when stored.

He urged that the housewives, farmers and businessmen of Alleghany county begin immediately to collect the waste paper about the house or place of business and if you happen to live outside the canvassing area, bring the collected paper to the Sparta school or to the Piney Creek school, where it is understood, the 4-H club is also conducting a campaign.

It was explained that those persons who had waste paper to contribute and were in doubt about where to take it, should get in touch with Mr. Black, Miss Clyde Fields or Miss Emoryetta Reeves.

Several rules for preparing the paper for easy handling were explained by Mr. Black.

Newspapers should be folded flat, the way the paper boy sells them, and tied in bundles about 12 inches high. These bundles (Continued on Page Four)

County Still Far Short Of Quota, Which Is \$3,400.00

Half-way Mark Of Goal Not Yet Reached; Need Is Great

Reports late yesterday revealed that \$1,002.50 has been contributed to the Alleghany Red Cross Fund, leaving \$2,397.50 yet to be raised on the quota of \$3,400.00.

W. O. Hooper, chairman of the drive, announced that a complete canvass had not yet been made of the business section of Sparta and that all reports from the rural communities had not yet been turned in.

Mr. Hooper urged that all community chairmen turn in a report as soon as possible.

It was also announced that a Red Cross movie would be shown in most of the schools of the county and that special rallies would be held, the dates to be announced next week.

The ten rural mail carriers of the county, it is understood, each have a goal of \$100.00 to be met before the drive officially ends. These men, it was explained, will take donations from the patrons on their routes.

A partial list of contributions, not previously published, is given today. More will follow next week.

This list includes the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wagoner, \$10.00; S. C. Richardson, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Emory Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Edwards, \$5.00 each.

David P. Lavietes, \$25.00; Alton Thompson, \$10.00; Mrs. Laura (Continued on Page Four)

Deferment Age Limit Is Raised

Occupational Draft Deferments For Men From 18 To 25 More Limited

Washington — Selective service Tuesday night prohibited occupational draft deferments for men aged 18 to 25, inclusive, except when approved by state draft directors or when engaged in an occupation specifically exempted from this policy by the director of selective service.

This extended to men aged 23-25, inclusive, a policy already in effect for those 18 to 22.

The move was announced coincident with reports that a new plan is in the making to "ration" occupational deferments to war plants in much the same manner that scarce materials are now rationed to them—on the basis of the greatest need at the moment in the light of shifting trends in arms production.

Announcing the tighter restrictions on occupational deferment for men under 26, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, said state directors are expected to recommend deferments in the case of men "without whose services the production requirements of critical industry cannot be met."

"The making available for induction of registrants under 26 years of age will permit deferment of registrants 26 years of age and over in critical industries with progressive consideration for their relative irreplaceability and increase in age," Hershey said.

Plan Memorial Service Easter

Rev. R. L. West announced this week that memorial service would be held Easter Sunday at the Sparta Baptist church for T-5 Cpl. Walter Woodrow Blevins, son of Mrs. Rose Blevins, of Sparta.

Cpl. Blevins died in New Caledonia, November 22, according to a message received by the War Department.

Richardson Is Prisoner Of War

It was announced last week that Sgt. Roy Richardson, of Furches, was missing in action. Since that time, his father, Lloyd Richardson, has received a message stating that he is a prisoner of the German government.

The information, which came through the Red Cross, was sent to Mr. Richardson in the following message: "Report just received through the International Red Cross stated that your son, Technical Sergeant Roy E. Richardson, is a prisoner of war of the German Government. Letter of information follows from provost Marshal General." Signed—Adjutant General.