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Red Cross War Fund Drive Reaches $2,276.00

Senate Passes Bill To Increase Burley Acreage

Flannagan Measure Already Passed House; Expected To Become Law

According to information received here yesterday afternoon, the Flannagan Bill, for the increase of acreage allotment of burley tobacco, which passed the House some time ago, has now passed the Senate and is expected to become a law.

The bill will enable all farmers with an allotment of less than an acre for burley tobacco, to increase this to an acre, this year.

The bill was introduced by Representative Flannagan, of Virginia and received the wholehearted support of Congressman Doughton in the House.

Officials of the Mt. Burley Tobacco warehouse at Boone, where most of the burley tobacco grown in this county is marketed, are urging the farmers to plan now to have plenty of plants to take care of their needs.

The increase in acreage allotment, will mean extra plants will be needed.

R. L. Doughton Lauds Pipe Plant

Writes Letter Of Congratulations To David P. Lavietes For New Industry

Among other letters and messages of congratulation, recently received by David P. Lavietes, on the expansion and development of the D. and P. Pipe Works, here, is the following from Congressman R. L. Doughton:

"I have been very [illegible] and greatly p[illegible] ing last week's issue of the Alleghany News which I would call the "Pipe Issue", telling of the origin, development and expansion of the great industry which you have established in Sparta, of which we are all so proud and which is destined to be of such great economic benefit to Alleghany County. I congratulate you, and along with you, my good friend Sam Porter, who, as the paper says, is largely responsible for the location of this splendid industry in our county.

Wishing you continued success and again expressing my profound appreciation of your confidence in our people by investing your money in an enterprise which was so badly needed and of which we are all so proud."

Mr. Lavietes announced this week that the D. and P. Pipe

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Has Information For Farmers Here

County Agent R. E. Black announced this week that the farmers of the county might gain some valuable information from the sheets attached to the yellow colored posters on "Agronomy Suggestions for Farmers", located in his office, the bulletin board in the community building and in Farmer's Hardware store.

These sheets, published by the North Carolina Extension service, carry timely information pertaining to crops, fertilizers and other culture practices and all kinds of crops grown in this county. The sheets will be changed each month throughout the season, he pointed out.

Farmers are invited to tear off a sheet and carry with them for future reference, Mr. Black explained.

No Change In Tax Rate For County

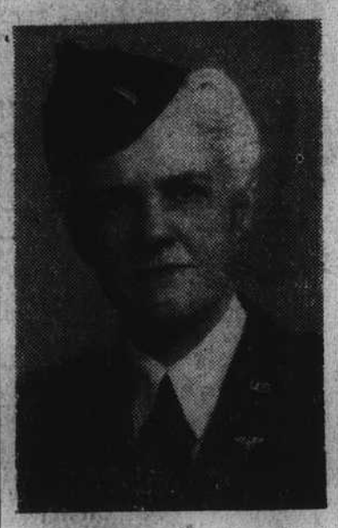
At a meeting of the county board of commissioners, last week, it was decided that the county tax rate of eighty cents per hundred would again be levied.

The budget for the coming year and other matters were considered.

The commissioners also met with the board of education and discussed the budget for the schools.

Russians Make Big Gains; U. S. Planes Blast Wewak Base

IN TENNESSEE



Lt. Bytha L. Moxley, U. S. Army Nurse Corps, is now stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Lt. Moxley, who was a registered nurse in High Point for a number of years before entering the army, is the daughter of John Paten Moxley, of Sparta.

Yanks In Britain Destroy 2,100 Planes Within Two Weeks

What are believed to be pre-invasion bombings were continued by the Allies over Europe this week, with Russians making the greatest gains by land.

The Red army yesterday crushed the German garrison of Nikolaev, former Soviet Black sea fleet base at the mouth of the Bug, and in a surprise night crossing 60 miles upstream joined other Russian forces striking swiftly southward across the flat steppes on a 175-mile front toward Odessa, 75 miles away, Moscow announced.

In Rumania, other Red army units were assaulting the key rail city of Iasi, the Berlin radio said, but Moscow has not confirmed this report. If true, it would be the first Soviet smash into axis territory.

American bombers blew up buildings, bridges and Japanese shipping at the major Japanese base of Wewak, New Guinea, Monday, sending their 19th ship to the bottom there in 10 days of almost continuous bombing, it was announced yesterday.

Large fires were left burning at Hansa Bay, 100 miles south of Wewak, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Wednesday communique reported.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the U. S. 8th air force, disclosed that in the past

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Trout Season Is To Open April 15

Fishermen Are Urged To Buy Their Licenses In Advance

Approximately 1,900 trout, ranging in length from 9 to 14 inches, were turned into various streams in the county, last week, R. D. Gentry, county game warden announced.

The fish were released in the head waters of Little River, Meadow's Fork, Prather's Creek, Big Glade Creek, Little Glade Creek and Brush Creek.

The fishing season opens in Alleghany county, as in other parts of western North Carolina, on April 15, Mr. Gentry stated.

He also pointed out that a fishing license was required by law for any person fishing in Alleghany waters.

Resident fishing license may be secured for $1.10; state license for

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Wm. I. Caudill, 81, Buried Monday

Funeral service for William Isom Caudill, 81, who died at his home in the Topia community, March 24, was conducted Monday at the home with Eld. S. G. Caudill officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

He is survived only by his wife, Mrs. Tamsy Atwood Caudill.

Pallbearers were: Winston Atwood, McCoy Attwood, Harley Douglas, Carl Caudill, Jack Caudill and Norman Douglas.

Rallies For Red Cross, Fri., Sat.

Piney Creek And Stratford Have Special Programs Arranged

Two Red Cross rallies will be held this week end, one at Piney Creek high school and the other at the Stratford school.

On Friday night, at 8 o'clock, the Piney Creek Playmakers, under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Graybeal Blevins, will present a play, "The Challenge", which was written by Mrs. Blevins, and which will constitute the first part of the program.

The second part of the program consists of an entertainment by John Lair and his Renfro-Valley gang.

A small admission will be charged, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross.

On Saturday night, the Stratford school will sponsor a box supper and a dance afterwards, Mrs. Virginia Richardson, teacher, announced. Everyone is invited to attend and those who have not contributed to the Red Cross are urged to make their contributions at the box supper.

"The county is over $1,000.00 short of its quota and we are expected to have generous contributions at these two rallies," Chairman Hooper stated.

Truck With Liquor Wrecked Near Here; Driver Is Sought

Passers-by could easily have helped themselves to a few gallons of boot-leg liquor last Thursday during the wee hours when a pick-up truck carrying an estimated 100 gallons of moonshine, ran off the road five miles northeast of Sparta on the Independence road.

Officers investigating the accident, pointed out that the driver must have lost control of the truck when it slipped off a soft shoulder of the road, breaking about 20 gallons of liquor carried in half-gallon fruit jars.

An unidentified passing car, it was stated, made an effort to pull the truck out of the ditch after unloading the liquor on the side of the road.

It was then that a car driven by Ensign J. Robert Pugh, of Winona, W. Va., in an effort to miss the towing car, which was directly across the road with no lights or danger signals, sideswiped it and ran head-on into the liquor piled by the road side. Several more gallons were broken by this crash. The damage to the Pugh car was estimated at around $300.

When local officer Glenn Richardson, arrived at the scene of the accident about 9 o'clock, the license plates had been removed from the truck and the driver was gone. Richardson emptied the remaining jars that had not been broken or carried away.

Upon investigation, it was learned that the pick-up was owned by Wiley Bowers and driven by Cecil Bare, of the Wagoner community in Ashe county, ac-

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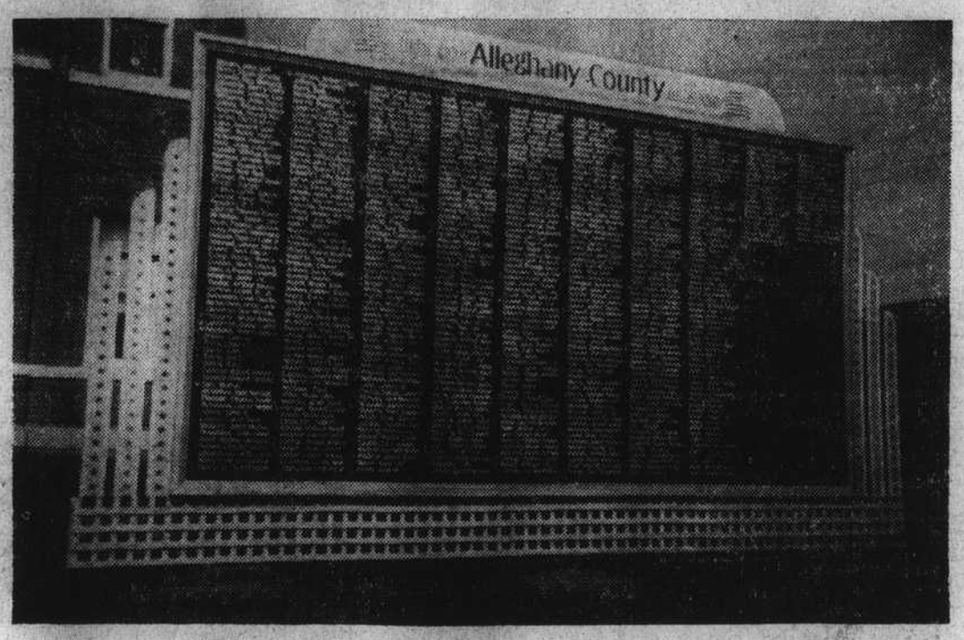
Alleghany County Honors Men In Service



The new honor roll board bearing the names of Sparta men and women in service, which has recently been erected on the courthouse lawn under the sponsorship of the American Legion. (Staff Photo)

Town Of Sparta Will Build An Incinerator Soon

Public Asked To Co-operate In Keeping The Town Cleaned Up

At a meeting of the town council here Tuesday night, it was unanimously decided to build an incinerator for the town of Sparta.

Officials point out that such a plant has long been needed here since the town has had no method for the disposal of trash and rubbish collected from the streets, except by burning it in a trash pile.

Plans and location of this disposal plant will be announced at a later date.

Glenn Combs, trash collector, will continue to gather and dispose of the rubbish on the streets and from the business houses in town, it was pointed out.

The town council urges the cooperation of the public in keeping the streets and sidewalks of the town free from trash.

Need Of Waste Paper Is Urgent

Is Now Being Bought By Smithey's Store; To Be Used In War Effort

In order to assist in the war effort by stimulating the collection of waste paper, Smithey's store is now serving as a collection point here. Prices and details are announced elsewhere today in an advertisement.

It was explained that paper should be tied in bundles and that magazines and newspapers should be separated.

Mr. Wagoner pointed out that a special drive was being conducted during the week of April 3-8 and that everyone is urged to bring all waste paper in as soon as possible.

Jury List Drawn For Next Court

The spring term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases of Alleghany, is scheduled to open May 1, with Judge Hoyle Sink, presiding.

The names of the following were drawn for jury service:

R. G. Cox, Clyde Edwards, James W. Wagoner, Earl Delp, J. F. Cox, Johnny Ham, Joe Choate, Bertie Hampton, A. C. Edwards, James F. Sturgill, Gwyn Smith, Glenn Johnson, Hoit Miller, Carl W. Edwards, S. G. Caudill, [illegible] R. Hendrix, J. C. Miller, [illegible] Poole, D. B. Sturgill, [illegible] J. M. Brown, Everett Smith, C. B. Kilby, W. G. Harris, [illegible] Evans, Carl [illegible], E. [illegible] Mitchell, [illegible] Ham, J. [illegible] Hill, Garnet [illegible], Alex Mabe, G. M. Teague, John R. [illegible], G. G. Mitchell, [illegible] Eg[illegible]

Sparta's New Bus Terminal Will Be Opened On Tuesday; Officials Are To Be Here

Public Invited To Inspect The Building; Modern In Every Respect

Plans are now being completed for the formal opening of Sparta's new bus terminal on Tuesday, April 4, Dr. T. R. Burgiss and H. H. Hash, announced today.

The grand opening, to take place at 10 o'clock Tuesday, will be in the form of "open house" when everybody is invited to come in and inspect the new station. The ladies will be given flowers from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Officials of the Greyhound and Parkway bus companies are expected to be present for the opening.

The terminal, next door to the Carolina Silk Shop and Kay's, is located in the remodeled building which was formerly occupied by the late Cleve Reeves' Cafe.

The new station is modern in every respect, with a large waiting room, seating space and other conveniences for travelers. A modern kitchen and excellent cooking facilities add to the service of the terminal.

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J. A. Miller, 77, Buried On Sunday

Well-known Laurel Springs Man Dies After Serious Illness

Funeral service for Jesse Adam Miller, 77, prominent man of the Laurel Springs community, who died March 23, was conducted Sunday at his home, with Elder C. D. Hall, Elder C. B. Kilby, Elder S. G. Caudill and Elder E. A. Long, officiating. Burial followed in the Miller family cemetery.

Mr. Miller had been in ill health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past two weeks. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for about 50 years, a deacon in his church, clerk of the church and clerk of the Roaring River association for a number of years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Miller and seven children; four sons, Everett Miller, Piney Creek, Floyd Miller, Wagoner, and Troy Miller, Thurmond and four daughters, Mrs. Verna Johnson, Miss Rebecca Miller, and Miss Mary Miller, all of Laurel Springs and Mrs. Ethel Fender, of Sparta.

Also surviving are two brothers, Wiley and Frank Miller, of North Wilkesboro; two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, of Charlottesville, Va., and Mrs. Sallie Long, of Laurel Springs; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Bernerd Miller, Webb Miller, Willie Johnson, Jack Johnson, Homer Miller and Roy Fender.

Flower girls were Bessie and Madge Miller, Rose Marie Fender and Johnsie Lee Pruitt.

Osborne Named Cherry Manager

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Walter F. Osborne, of Sparta, as Manager of the Alleghany county campaign for R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for Governor.

The announcement was made from Cherry State Headquarters at Raleigh, and was confirmed here by the appointee.

Mr. Osborne plans to open a county Cherry-for-Governor campaign headquarters here at an early date and direct a vigorous campaign, he has promised.

Time Limit On Red, Blue Stamps Stopped By OPA

Washington — Food rationing became simplier for everybody this week as the Office of Price Administration removed the expiration dates from all red and blue ration coupons.

OPA said the move was done to cut the clerical and shopping problems of food rationing "down to a minimum of nuisance and trouble."

Not mentioned by the official announcement was another factor reported in several cities—the tendency of housewives to cash in their stamps, just before expiration, for tokens which do not expire.

OPA's nationwide action was announced first Sunday by the agency's regional office at Dallas, Texas, while OPA headquarters here insisted the change still was under consideration. Dallas reported tokens were rapidly going out of circulation and into housewives' pocketbooks.

An OPA spokesman here said, however, that the change was "not a panic action" prompted by token hoarding, but part of OPA's broad program to simplify rationing for the country's 600,000 food retailers and 40,000,000 housewives. Expiration dates were removed earlier from shoe coupons and sugar stamps.

There will be no change in the rate at which stamps become valid: three red stamps for meat and fats will become valid every second Sunday, and five blue stamps for canned foods on the first of every month. Each stamp is worth ten points.

County Still Far Short Of Quota; $1,124.00 Needed

Rallies And Programs Are Being Held; Rural Carriers Are Working

Reports yesterday afternoon revealed that Alleghany county is still $1,124.00 short of the quota in the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Total collections so far have reached $2,276.00, and more are still coming in.

"I want to urge every individual and every organization to turn in their collections as soon as possible," Chairman Hooper said. "The drive which is scheduled to end Friday has been extended through April 8 and we feel sure that the quota will be met by that date."

The Piney Creek Playmakers will sponsor an entertainment on Friday night. A box supper will be held at Stratford school on Saturday night and a square dance is planned for April 8 at the Sparta gymnasium. A basketball game, the proceeds to go to

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New Tax Bill In Effect April 1st

New Theatre Taxes And Tax On Various Merchandise To Be Increased

Uncle Sam needs money from most every source to successfully carry on the fight against the axis powers, and under the new tax bill recently passed by Congress new taxes will be collected from the public, beginning Saturday, April 1.

In addition to an increase in theatre admission, items of merchandise, classed as luxuries, on which the amount of tax will increase from 10 to 20 per cent, are as follows:

Brown gloves and mittens, electrified shearling, women's Angora mittens, fur-trimmed ready-to-wear garments, furs and fur coats, knitting bags, women's jewelry, handbags, purses, and wallets, infants' toiletries, fountain pens, ration book covers, men's jewelry, shaving accessories, utility cases, toilet preparations, luggage, fur headwear, matching bags with millinery. Alarm clocks retailing for less than $5.00 the same tax of 10 per cent, alarm clocks selling for more than $5.00, tax increased to 20 per cent.

Explains Shoe Ration Stamps

Shoe ration stamp No. 18 will expire April 30, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, announced this week.

No. 1 airplane stamp, which came in November 1, is good for an indefinite period, she explained. OPA authorities will announce the expiration date of this coupon in ample time for persons to make their shoe purchase.

Another stamp will come into effect on May 1, Mrs. Fleetwood announced.

It is not likely, she explained, that the local board will accept applications for special shoe stamps after April 1, since the new stamp becomes valid within 30 days.

Red Cross Rally Held At Vox, Fri.

Proceeds for the Red Cross Fund at the Vox box supper, sponsored by the ladies of the Vox home demonstration club with the assistance of the Blevins Crossroads club, Friday night, amounted to $130.33, it was announced.

Private contributions amounted to $67.50, with the remainder coming from the sale of boxes and cakes. I. W. Wagoner conducted the sale.

Miss Evon Hendrix won the cake for the prettiest girl and Mart Caudill won the jar of pickles.

Music was furnished by the Smith brothers, assisted by Ted Gibson and Dewey Andrews.