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County Now Nearing Red Cross Quota

Election Board To Meet April 8; Edwards Chmn.

No Local Candidates Have Filed Yet; Republicans Plan Meeting

L. E. Edwards, chairman of the Alleghany county board of elections, announced that a meeting of the board had been called for Saturday, April 8, to appoint the registrars and the judges. The two other members of the board are Elmer Edwards and S. S. Landreth.

It was also announced that the Republicans will hold an organization meeting on Friday night, April 14, when Monroe Adams, of Statesville, Republican candidate for congress for this district, will be present. It was pointed out that the Republicans are expected to have a full ticket for the general election this fall.

With the primary election less than two months off, there is still little or no general interest manifested in politics in Alleghany county with the possible exception of the governors' race and in this Dr. Ralph McDonald and Major Gregg Cherry, have some ardent supporters.

Personal problems, increased pressure of duty and home front war activities rather than politics seem to be dominating the thinking and interest of the public.

The primary election date is Saturday, May 27, and all candidates for local offices must file by April 15.

Cherry Plans For Game, Fish Com.

Cites Importance Of Protection And Conservation Of Native Wildlife

West Jefferson — (Special) — The importance of the development of North Carolina's natural resources in game and fish was emphasized here last Thursday night by R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic candidate for governor when he spoke before the Rotary club and a number of invited guests.

The speaker, who was introduced by Ira T. Johnston, president of the club, described Ashe county as a natural paradise for hunters and fishermen and described the possibilities of the state as a whole in this field.

He explained briefly the financial structure of the state, the various services rendered and the importance of being prepared to assist and locate young men and women who are now in service, at the end of the war.

In closing Mr. Cherry stated a definite policy which he wished to follow in regard to the protection and development of natural resources. He said, "In order to more effectively propagate, develop and protect the great natural resources of the State in game and fish, I am in favor of creating a Commission separate and apart from the Department of Conservation and Development, which commission would be charged with the duty of looking after and protecting these natural resources."

Favors Plan For Game And Fish

Mayor R. F. Crouse, who was a guest of the Jeffersons Rotary club last Thursday night, when R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic candidate for governor spoke to the group, said that he was much enthused over Mr. Cherry's statement concerning the appointment of a special game and fish commission.

In commenting on this, Mr. Crouse told a News reporter this week, "This is the first time that we have had an opportunity to lay the foundation for real progress in the propagation and protection of fish and game in the state."

He pointed out that the announcement by Cherry was of vital interest to every person who likes to hunt or fish.

Americans Aid Reds; 17 Japanese Ships Are Sunk In Pacific

Artillery Sees Heavy Fighting On The Italian Front This Week

Fighting continues from air and land on all fighting fronts with the Allied forces showing some gains.

The Red army announced yesterday that it had captured the greater part of surrounded Tarnopol in former Poland and smashed to within two miles of the last rail escape route for perhaps 200,000 Germans and Rumanians now virtually pinned against the Black sea near Odessa.

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators for the first time bombed the Rumanian capital of Bucharest yesterday, flying to within 200 miles of the Russo-German front to strike the third allied blow in 24 hours at Hitler's Balkan communications.

The American airmen flew 600 miles from bases in Southern Italy to carry out this attack supporting the Red army troops invading Rumania from the north-east.

At least 17 Japanese ships—and probably many more—were sunk by a powerful American carrier force making a three-way strike close to the Philippines and by submarines patrolling even deeper in enemy waters, the navy announced yesterday.

Secretary of the Navy Knox disclosed that the naval task force which began raiding the Palau islands, only 530 miles from the Philippines, last week, also hit Yap and Woleai islands in a three-day attack in the Eastern Carolines.

Curt Moxley Is Injured In Wreck

Sparta Man Is Seriously Hurt Tuesday When Tractor Overturns

Curt Moxley, 34, local resident, was seriously injured Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, when the tractor on which he was riding, overturned in front of the Claude Moxley residence near Richardson's Shop.

Moxley was carried to the Elkin hospital, where he remains seriously ill. Knocked unconscious by a blow on the head, he had not regained consciousness when he arrived at the hospital.

Officers who investigated the accident report that the combination truck and tractor, constructed for the purpose of sawing wood, left the road, turned over two times and stopped in an upright position.

Moxley's twelve-year-old son, who was riding with him, was thrown clear of the wreck and was not seriously hurt.

Officers reported that Moxley evidently lost control of the vehicle, since despite the snow flurries, the road was not slick.

133 Alleghany County Men Placed In I-A By Local Board

The local board announced classifications of 160 men for military service this week when 133 were placed in I-A and 9 were placed in 4-F.

The classification list is as follows:

- I-A: Jerome C. Carrico, Russell G. Moxley, Clayton I. Fender, Herbert C. Hawthorne, Leroy D. Baugus, Elgin R. Choate, Rhea N. Harris, Eugene A. Edwards, Dilson C. Lowe, Frank Hines, Bower F. Hoppers, William H. Gibson, Edwin J. McKnight, James A. Reeves, Sam L. Porter.
- John T. Upchurch, Larry W. Brooks, John R. Andrews, Winfrey H. Osborne, James F. Halsey, Martin E. Serberm, Robert G. Halsey, Vilace L. Hamm, Tam S. Gambill, Clay F. Crouse, Jones K. Andrews, Clive L. Edwards, Rich-

DIES IN SERVICE



Walter Woodrow Blevins, who died in service in New Caledonia, on November 22, 1943, will be honored at a memorial service to be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Easter Sunday.

Doughton Again Named On County Welfare Board

Other Members Of The Board Are J. A. Higgins And S. C. Richardson

Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, has recently been re-appointed to serve another two years on the Alleghany County Welfare Board, the re-appointment to be effective April 1, 1944.

Mr. Doughton is the appointee of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. He has ably and efficiently served as chairman of the county welfare board since July, 1937, when the public assistance program began operation in North Carolina. The two other members of the board are J. A. Higgins and S. C. Richardson, both of Sparta.

The county welfare board meets monthly with the superintendent of public welfare and advises with him in regard to problems pertaining to his office. The superintendent of public welfare is the executive officer of the board and acts as secretary. Swanson Edwards is the superintendent.

Winter Weather Felt In County

Alleghany, along with many other sections felt real winter weather, Tuesday and yesterday, and yesterday and snow fell in flurries and the temperature dropped to around 16 degrees above zero.

Many people described this as the "pre-Easter cold spell" and predicts it winter's final fling.

Announce Parkway Will Be Opened To Public Apr. 15

Policy Explained; Planning Further Development At Close Of War

Sam B. Weems, acting superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, has announced that the completed sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be opened for public use on April 15. Present intentions of the National Parkway open until October Park Service are to keep the 15.

Beginning at Shenandoah National Park, the first continuous completed section extends to U. S. highway No. 60 at Buena Vista, Va. The next section that will be opened to traffic is from the James River to the Peaks of Otter, in Virginia. From the latter to Adney Gap, south of Roanoke work on the parkway has not been finished but from Adney Gap to Deep Gap in North Carolina. The parkway is paved for about 130 miles. From Deep Gap to Blowing Rock, traffic will use the state highways and then can continue on the parkway for a long distance to a point near Mt. Mitchell.

Restrictions will continue about the same as in 1943, with the national speed limit of 35 miles an hour in effect. Officials will not encourage any use of the parkway that will conflict with the conservation of motor fuels. When construction of the few (Continued on Page Four)

Local Stores Will Be Closed Easter Monday

Wednesday Afternoon Closing Started This Week, For Summer Season

All business houses in Sparta will be closed on Easter Monday, as was previously announced by the merchant's committee of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce at their last meeting.

Most of the county offices, as well as the Sparta post office, will also be closed, it was pointed out. The Northwestern Bank will also observe the holiday.

The schools of the county, however, will remain open, it was explained, in order that they may complete the nine months' work and close as early in the spring as possible.

The new Sparta Bus Terminal will, of course, remain open on Monday.

The ten rural mail carriers in the county will observe the holiday so there will be no mail delivery on the rural routes.

The Sparta stores started this week closing on Wednesday afternoons and will continue throughout the summer. The post office will close at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons, it was announced.

Checking Of Tires Will End April 20

OPA Makes Announcement; Motorists Should Keep Former Records

Washington — Compulsory tire inspections—a war-born nuisance and expense—was thrown overboard, Tuesday by the Office of Price Administration.

OPA Chief Chester Bowles announced that the periodic inspections for motorists will be discontinued after April 20 since they have fulfilled their purpose—"to make motorists conscious of the extreme need for tire conservation care."

Inspections were stated in December, 1942, under the so-called "mileage" rationing program aimed primarily at conserving rubber. They now are regarded as a periodic annoyance to motorists and an unnecessary expense. Inspection stations have charged 25 cents each time they check the serial numbers and 50 cents and up if it was necessary (Continued on Page Four)

Winchell And Dies After Air Addresses



Walter Winchell, New York columnist, left, and Rep. Martin Dies (D.) of Texas, chairman of a committee on un-American activities, meet following their controversial addresses to a nationwide radio audience.

Easter Is Expected To Be Quietly Observed In County; Special Services Planned

Changes Made In Strict Rules For Drafting Farmers

Local Draft Boards Are Given Full Authority By General Hershey

Washington — Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, this week returned to the nation's local draft boards full authority over agricultural deferments.

In a telegram to State Selective Service directors, Hershey instructed local boards to abolish the "war unit" (productivity) deferment standard and to abide by the 4-point Tydings amendment to the Selective Service Act.

The provisions of the Tydings amendment provide that agricultural workers will be deferred if (1) they are necessary to the agricultural occupation or endeavor, if (2) they are regularly engaged in agricultural work; if (3) the occupation is essential to the war effort, and if (4) registrants cannot be replaced.

Senator Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), announced on Wednesday that Hershey had promised to take such action.

Selective Service told local boards, in applying Tydings amendment yardsticks, to "bear ment and received by the local board before the registrant's actual induction."

Metts said North Carolina would (Continued on Page 4)

ANDREWS IS CAUGHT ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Ellis Andrews, of the Hare community, was arrested and turned over to the Galax authorities Saturday by town marshal Glenn Richardson.

Andrews, sought by the Virginia officer on charges of transporting and selling bootleg liquor, had escaped them earlier in the week at Galax.

Method Of Voting By Men In Service Explained By Officials

Raleigh—A statement to service men and women and their families about absentee registration and voting in the Primary and General Elections, is as follows:

- To the men and women in the armed forces of the United States there is granted by the State of North Carolina the special opportunity and right to register and vote in the 1944 Primary and General Elections although absent from their home county. This right is granted to no other person in a primary.
- The conditions which must be met in order for a soldier's vote to be cast are set forth below:
- Basic Personal Qualifications
- The person desiring absentee registration and vote must meet the following basic qualifications: He or she—

Memorial Service For Alleghany Man Who Died In Service

With snow flurries, high winds and low temperatures holding sway in the mountains, the weather for the week end is unpredictable, but Easter is expected to be quietly observed here with special services planned for the churches in the morning.

While there has been a shortage of candy Easter eggs, there is a plentiful supply of others as well as a number of which are expected to appear.

A special memorial service for Walter Woodrow Blevins will be held at the First Baptist church at 11:00 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. Richard L. West, in charge. The Baptist choir, under the direction of Mrs. O. K. Richardson, will furnish special music for the service. The numbers include, "He Lives on High" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth".

A special Easter service will also be held at the Presbyterian church at 11:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Berry, will bring a brief message on "The Power of the Resurrection".

Special feature of the service (Continued on Page Four)

Floyd Choate, 68, Buried On Sunday

Funeral service for Floyd Choate, 68, colored, of Street, Md., was held Sunday at Laurel Glen Baptist church, with Rev. George Gentry and Rev. Lee Choate, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Choate left Alleghany county about fourteen years ago, making his home since that time in Maryland.

Surviving are his widow and seven children. Several nieces and nephews in Alleghany county also survive. He was the brother of the late Emmett Choate, of Glade Valley.

Around \$200. To Be Raised Yet; Events Planned

Chairman Hooper Announces Drive Extended Through Saturday Night

According to reports late yesterday afternoon, the Alleghany Red Cross fund has reached \$3,200.00. This leaves \$200.00 yet to be contributed before the quota of \$3,400.00 is reached.

Chairman W. O. Hooper again pointed out that the drive had been extended through Saturday night and stated that he felt sure that the quota would be reached by that date. "I want to urge that a final canvass be made this week end and that every solicitor turn in a report as soon as possible," he said.

A square dance will be held at the Sparta gymnasium on Saturday night for the benefit of the fund, it was announced. A record crowd is expected to attend this dance, which will be the final program sponsored for the drive.

A special effort is being made, Chairman Hooper pointed out, to reach and exceed the quota by Saturday night, when the drive officially ends.

The basketball game at Sparta high school last Thursday netted \$26.76 for the fund, while the proceeds from the Stratford box supper amounted to \$101.20, it was announced. The Sparta Woman's club gave a contribution of \$25.00 and proceeds from the entertainment held at Piney Creek school, Saturday night, amounted to around \$350.00.

A list of contributions not previously reported (Continued on Page 4)

Men Under 26 To

Metts Announces Those Who Have Not Been Examined Recently Must Report

Raleigh — General J. Van B. Metts, State director of Selective Service, said Tuesday, all men under 26 years of age who had not been examined within the past 90 days would be ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination.

Metts said directives from National Selective Service headquarters at present indicated occupational to vital war activities connected with the following: Landing craft, tires and tubes, high tenacity rayon for war products, aircraft, airborne radar, rockets, submarines, transportation, and possible a few others.

The general said he believed "few young men would be granted agricultural deferments, in view of the need for young men in the armed forces," and that a "registrant could hardly be found essential unless his over-all production contributed more to the war effort than his service in the armed forces."

A registrant may be granted occupational deferment, Metts said, if a form 42-A special is approved by the State director having jurisdiction over the place of employment. (Continued on Page Four)

Martin Andrews Dies At Baywood

Funeral service for Martin A. Andrews, 77, who died at his home at Baywood, Va., March 26, following a severe stroke, was held at the home on March 28, with Eld. J. D. Vass and Eld. Edd Douglas officiating. Interment followed in the family cemetery.

Mr. Andrews, a prominent citizen of that community, was married to the former Miss Jane Richardson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eli Richardson.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Kemper, of Baywood and Kyle, of Barborton, Ohio and two daughters, Mrs. Ola Higgins, of Baywood and Miss Vera Andrews of the home.

Also surviving is his oldest sister, Mrs. Phoebe Rector, 95, of Sparta; two other sisters, Mrs. Della Parks, of Galax and Mrs. Caroline Richardson, of Emice, and one brother, Floyd Andrews, of Iowa.