

Carpenter Hurls Sparta To Victory Over Galax, Wed.

Sparta Scores Eight Runs In Sixth Inning To Win From Virginia Team

Wayne Carpenter's five-hit pitching and timely hitting by the Sparta high school batters gave them an 8-7 victory for sweet revenge over the Galax high school team in a baseball game played on the Sparta diamond yesterday afternoon, before an unusually large group of spectators.

For five and one-half innings, Galax held a 4-0 lead, counting out four easy scores. An eight-run outburst in the sixth broke a scoreless slab for Sparta when Adams came in for the first run. Sparta bases were loaded during the remaining part of the sixth inning. All scores were made on hits.

In the fielding, Sexton came through with a brilliant catch in the seventh to rob White of a hit.

Carpenter was in superb form throughout the game, with Hallows doing a brilliant piece of work behind the plate for Sparta.

Cullop was on the mound for Galax, the team scoring in the second and sixth inning.

Galax juggled their team several times but failed to stop the Sparta nine once they were started.

The Virginia team won over Sparta at Galax last Wednesday with a score of 10-4.

Lt. Chas. Smith Gets Decoration

Former Alleghany Man Cited For Bravery In New Guinea Area

Lt. Charles Preston Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Smith, of Independence and formerly of Alleghany county, was recently decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross in the New Guinea theater.

This decoration was made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home and to his parents.

Lt. Smith was cited for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from September 7 to November 20, 1943.

He took part in sustained operation activity against the enemy during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included dropping supplies and transporting troops over territory that was continually patrolled by enemy fighter aircraft.

Lt. Smith received his wings in the Army Air Corps in March, 1943, at Pampa, Texas.

Welfare Dept. To Mail Checks Out

Swanson Edwards, Alleghany Welfare superintendent, announced this week that the mailing of old age assistance and aid to dependent children checks would be carried on from the welfare office.

He pointed out that it would no longer be necessary to call at the office for these checks, as has been the practice in the past.

Woman's Club Is Helping Russia

With Mrs. Clennel Richardson acting as chairman, a committee of women from the Sparta Woman's club are conducting a drive to collect clothes for the "Clothes for Russia" campaign.

Serving on the committee with Mrs. Richardson are Mrs. Alton Thompson, Mrs. Add McMillan, Mrs. R. E. Black and Miss Pearl Fields.

Mrs. Richardson pointed out that every member of the Woman's club had been contacted, either personally, by telephone or by letter and that a prompt response was expected.

The central collection point for the Woman's club will be the office of the superintendent of schools in the courthouse, it was explained. She also urged that the bundles be tied neatly and securely in order to make the packing and shipping of the garments easier.

The Woman's club has no definite goal in the campaign, but it is hoped that contributions of old clothing will be generous.

Alleghany Aerial Gunner And Pilot



Sgt. Ray S. Reeves, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reeves, of Sparta, recently completed his training for combat duty and won his wings as an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. Sgt. Reeves, a graduate of Sparta high school, entered the service in January, 1943. Lt. Dale W. Click, right, of Washington, D. C., is the pilot of the crew of which Sgt. Reeves is gunner. The crew is now stationed in Topeka, Kansas.

Invasion Coast Gets Blasted By Allies; Pound Japs At Truk

Rail Lines In France Bombed; Soviet Bombers Also Hit Railroads

Sky-filled allied armadas spearheaded by hundreds of U. S. Liberator bombers hammered German invasion coast defenses and rail feeder lines from dawn to dusk this week, hurling explosives at a two-ton-per-minute clip and smashing key junctions at the rate of one an hour in an unexampled display of aerial might which went almost unchallenged by the Germans.

Jittery German radio announcers predicted that the big allied land invasion was "imminent" came on the air just before midnight Wednesday to shout: "Attention! Attention! Enemy intruders entering Western Germany."

Truk, Japan's heaviest bombed Bastion in all the Carolines, and its buttresses of Ponape and Satawan, were battered last week-end by mighty Pacific fleet carrier task forces that destroyed 126 enemy planes.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced (Continued on Page 5)

Edwards Makes Record In S. S.

Wayne A. Edwards, of the Chestnut Grove community, who has recently completed a Sunday School worker's training course, was granted a diploma on April 28, by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Edwards has been teaching in the Chestnut Grove Baptist Sunday school for the past three years and is the choir leader and director. He is a former student of the famous U. S. School of Music.

Surprise Move By OPA Frees Most All Meats From Points

Washington — All meats except beef steaks and beef roasts were made ration-free at midnight last night and red point values will not be restored to them again "unless absolutely necessary," the Office of Price Administration announced unexpectedly yesterday.

The surprise move was at once a tremendous blow to black market operators and a bonanza to consumers, farmers and harassed storekeepers—a number of whom had quit business because of complicated bookkeeping and checking systems necessary under stringent rationing—as well as to housewives who have been hard put to make ends meet with the points available.

The action was revealed by Administrator Chester Bowles, who announced simultaneously that, effective Sunday, the monthly allotment of red points will be cut from 60 to 30 per consumer because so many points no longer

Transou Named Foreman Of Test Farm In County

Three Barns Are Planned For Beef, Dairy Cattle And Sheep

West Jefferson — (Special) —

It was announced this week by F. E. Miller, director of the State Test Farms division of the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, that W. M. Transou has been named resident foreman of the newly acquired Ashe county test farm, which was purchased from Mr. Transou for \$24,000.00.

Officials of the Department of Agriculture have conferred on plans for the erection of three new barns on the Ashe farm, for beef cattle, sheep and dairy cattle.

In addition to Mr. Transou, two other families will reside on the farm and supply much of the labor for it, Mr. Miller said.

Construction work on the barns is expected to start in the near future.

Democrats Go To Convention

Delegates from Alleghany county, along with others in North Carolina, are attending the State convention in Raleigh today.

Alleghany delegates were chosen at a convention held in the courthouse, Saturday afternoon, for this purpose.

Among those attending are: Hon. R. F. Crouse, Walter Osborne and Jesse Mac Osborne.

Work Of Health Dept. Is To Be Carried On Here

Nurse From Watauga Will Supply In Absence Of Full-time County Nurse

Mrs. Virginia B. Smith, public health nurse, Watauga county, will be in the Health Department office in Sparta on Friday, May 5, from 9:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. and every Friday thereafter until further notice, it was announced this week.

Anyone wishing to have children immunized against diphtheria and whooping cough and vaccinated for smallpox are requested to bring them to the health office in the community building tomorrow. Typhoid fever vaccination will also be given.

Other people having children who will enter school next fall for the first time are requested to bring them for a pre-school examination so as to prepare them for school entrance during the summer months. Expectant mothers are invited to come to the office for health supervision, it was explained.

Since the county health nurse, Miss Ola Collins, left for entrance in the U. S. Naval Nursing Corps, recently, the Alleghany health department has had no county nurse.

Navy Recruiter Coming On May 9

Cites Opportunities Offered To High School Graduates Who Enlist

Specialist, First Class J. E. Huffman, Navy Recruiter, who has been coming to Sparta every other Tuesday, will be at the Post Office on Tuesday, May 9th, for his last trip for several weeks, and any seventeen year olds wishing to enlist in Naval Reserve should see him then.

On May 15 the recruiter will be detached from recruiting duty and sent to a Naval Hospital. It will still be possible for seventeen year olds to enlist according to the recruiter, but it will be necessary for them to go to Elkin on Thursdays where Chief J. T. Stephenson, in charge of the Winston-Salem station, will be at the Post Office pending Huffman's return to recruiting duty.

With the close of schools it is thought that a number of seventeen year old boys will want to enlist and try for the fifty-five trade schools maintained by the Navy to train qualified men for special work with the Navy. Recruiter Huffman said that any Alleghany county youths wishing to enlist should see him on Tuesday, May 9.

Some Shoes Are Now Ration-Free

OPA has announced that merchants may sell children's shoes priced up to \$1.00, sizes 8 1/2 to 3, without ration stamps until May 20.

These shoes should be advertised and marked, OPA released, it was explained.

NOW IN ENGLAND



Sgt. Walter M. Andrews, brother of Mrs. Zolzie Atwood, of Sparta, is now stationed somewhere in England. He writes his sister that he was on board ship for five days and received a big surprise when he met another Alleghany man, Howard Lyons. Sgt. Andrews has been in the service for the past two years.

Flood Drives Citizens From Homes



Flood waters from Little Arkansas river drove thousands of families from their homes in Wichita, Kan. This scene on East Douglas avenue, 13 blocks from the downtown business area, shows hundreds of cars stranded in deep water, and blocking the path of a fire truck en route to a fire. Firemen are laying hose from the truck.

Superior Court Ends Here Tues.; Several Cases Disposed Of

McDonald Wants Higher Incomes For N. C. Farmers

Advocates Removal Of Sales Tax; Would Improve Public Schools

West Jefferson — (Special) — Speaking at the Ashe county courthouse, Tuesday evening, Dr. Ralph McDonald, Democratic candidate for Governor, advocated a constructive 12-point program for insuring higher income for the farmers of the State, improvement of the public schools and the removal of the sales tax with no state tax on land.

"Since the real basis of our economic life is farm income, the State should do everything within its power to insure a high farm income," McDonald said.

"Farm income in North Carolina can be increased tremendously," he declared, and pledged his support. (Continued On Page Four)

Register For Canning Sugar

Although complete returns were not available, ration board officials announced that registration for canning sugar was unusually heavy at the various schools in the county on Monday.

No further registration will be held until after June 15, officials pointed out.

Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, chief clerk of the ration board, explained that the manner in which this registration was carried out made it a more simple task than it had been in the past. She also expressed her thanks to the teachers in the county for their valuable assistance in the registration.

FSA Farmers In Alleghany Helping In Food Production

Eighty-four small farmers of Alleghany county joined with other family-type farm operators in the Farm Security Administration program in North Carolina last year to produce enough extra food to feed thousands more of the fighting men, production figures just compiled by the War Food Administration show.

Van F. Miller, county FSA supervisor and Miss Ainslee Alexander, associate supervisor, announced that this week they have been advised that the "little farmers" who planned their farming with the assistance of FSA have set new records for the second straight year in production of certain war-vital crops and livestock.

The figures, they said, show that the 13,252 rehabilitation borrowers who operated farms both in 1942 and 1943 in North Carolina planted 16,908 more acres in 1943, and sent to market 70.9 per cent more hogs, 103.2 percent more

cattle and calves, 39.7 percent more milk, 28.7 percent more chickens and 48.8 percent more eggs.

The additional milk that these families produce in 1943 is sufficient to supply 6,344 fighting men for a full year. Hog production by the same families went up enough that the increase alone would meet the pork requirements of 19,087 soldiers for a year. The beef and veal increases are equal to a year's supply of 9,659 men; lamb and mutton for 3,598 men; chickens for 15,825 and eggs for 36,116 men.

Besides what they have sent to market, families in the FSA program are producing more food for their own tables. Every FSA borrower has a home garden and most of them have increased the garden area and greatly added in 1943 to the number of quarts of food canned for home use, the super-

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Clothes Being Collected For Needy Russians

Schools Are Active In Drive; Good Response Is Expected Here

Every school in Alleghany county has been asked to secure all the clothing they can for the "Clothes For Russia" campaign, now underway, Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, announced this week. The drive will continue through May 14.

Since no central warehouse is available in which to collect the clothing, each school is asked to prepare its own bundles for shipment by express to Russian War Relief, Inc., Warehouse, 401 Washington St., New York City, Miss Fields pointed out.

However, it was explained, a record of all shipments made should be kept and turned in to the office of the superintendent. All charges on the packages will be paid when they reach the office in New York.

Reports from all the schools were not available but the campaign in the Sparta school is well underway, with several hundred pounds of clothing already collected. A canvass of the town was made by the school children this week.

Supt. Fields pointed out that the goal for the State is a pair of shoes and four pounds of clothing for each school child in North Carolina. Alleghany school children are expected to respond well as they have to all of the drives in connection with the war effort.

New Tires For Motorists Now

Occupational drivers with "B" and "C" books may get tires

Charlotte, May 2—All motorists using their cars for occupational driving "B" and "C" book drivers are eligible for new passenger tires effective May 1 as a result of increased civilian allocation from the office of the rubber director, L. W. Driscoll, District Director of OPA, has announced.

Two other steps also were taken to broaden eligibility for tires:

(1) Motorist holding basic "A" ratings now become eligible for the small remaining stock of used tires, Grade III, in areas where used tires are available. However, in areas where none are available, boards will be instructed not to issue certificates for used tires.

(2) Light delivery trucks, previously eligible only for used tires, may receive new passenger tires, upon demonstrating need.

Nichols Is Named On Election Board

It was announced this week by the State Board of Elections that G. Glen Nichols has been appointed as a member of the Alleghany county board of elections to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. E. Edwards.

Elmer Edwards is now chairman of the county board of elections with S. S. Landreth, the other member of the board.

Local Scouts Go To District Meet

The district camporee held last Saturday and Sunday at Elkin, was well attended with Boy Scouts from 12 various troops in the Old Hickory council, present.

The Skunk Patrol from Sparta won second prize in the inspection of the various patrols. The boys arrived about 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning and were inspected as to their packs, appearance and suitable clothing. During the rest of the period they were judged on choice of camp site, kinks, patrol organization, proper menus, sanitation, projects and in addition, enjoyed various group games.

The Skunk Patrol was accompanied by R. E. Black, assistant Scoutmaster.

Scouts from Sparta participating in the contest were: Bobby Black, Charles Dillard, Rudy Roe, Keith Richardson, Tommy Burgess, Dwayne Kilby and Danny Kilby.