

59 Graduating

I. Baily Wagoner Shoots Self; Is Buried Here Sat.

Prominent Alleghany Man Commits Suicide; Funeral Held Sat. At Liberty

I. Baily Wagoner, 38, died at his home in the Laurel Springs community, last Thursday afternoon, as the result of a shot fired from a shotgun through his head. The death was pronounced as suicide and came shortly after 3 o'clock in the garage near his residence.

Mr. Wagoner, a well known farmer and member of a prominent Alleghany family, had been in ill health for some time and had been despondent for several days.

Funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon at Liberty Baptist church, with Rev. G. R. Blackburn and Rev. Richard L. West, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Special music was rendered by the Sparta Baptist choir.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Verna Porter Wagoner, his mother, Mrs. Left Wagoner and four children, Jimmy, Dicky, Tommy and Patsy. Also surviving are two brothers, Bryan Wagoner, of Akron, Ohio and E. L. Wagoner, Jr., of Whitehead and three sisters, Mrs. Kelly Blum, of Whitehead, Mrs. Edward Pugh, of Laurel Springs and Mrs. Sam Porter, of Sparta.

Pallbearers were: Ben G. Reeves, J. K. Wagoner, Hugh Choate, R. A. Wagoner, Jr., Charles Pugh and Sam Landreth. Flower girls were: Mrs. Ruth J. Choate, Annie Blanch Pugh, Ruth Pugh, Adele Blum, Hazel Lee Taylor, Mrs. Charles Pugh, Dorothy Lee Joines, Mary Ruth Miller, Naomi Douglas and Ruth Caudill.

Andrews Infant Buried Here Mon.

Funeral service for Lonnie Kyle Andrews, nine-day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, of Sparta, Rt. 2, was conducted Monday afternoon at the Brethern church at Twin Oaks, with Rev. Kyle Taylor, Rev. E. J. Gascho and Eld. J. A. Reed officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, two brothers, Leonard and Wade and one sister, Mary Jane. Also surviving are both grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Pet Maines.

MRS. ANDERSON NAMED PRES. OF PRESS GROUP

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, of The Alleghany News, was named president of the Mid-Western Press Association, an affiliate of the N. C. Press Association, at the annual election of officers held in Morganton, on Saturday.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of the News Herald was host to the Mid-Western and the Western groups as well as a number of other specially invited guests. Trips were made through the State Hospital and the State School for the Deaf.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. James Story and Miss Emoryetta Reeves, attended.

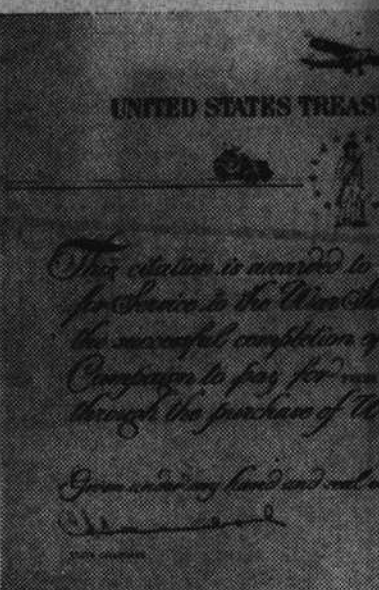
ENROLLMENT OF 1,911 IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

The total enrollment of the three high schools, together with the 18 one, two and three teacher schools in Alleghany county this year, is 1,911. Of this number, 369 are in high school and 1,542 in the grades.

This is approximately the same as it has been for the past two years, with a slight increase over last year. This increase, though small, is considered good, since many students have dropped out of school to enter the armed forces. Others, with their families, have moved to other sections to work in war production plants.

In the lower grades, as in the high schools, the girls outnumber the boys. In the total enrollment in the grades there are 885 girls and 797 boys.

Schools Are Awarded



Here is one of the many certificates awarded Alleghany County schools by the U. S. Treasury Department, giving them credit for various types of equipment, in the war bond drives.

Europe Is Blasted By Allied Planes; Reds Get Key City

Allied Forces Are Now Massing At Six Points. German Officials Declare

RAF night raiders lobbed blockbusters on the German-occupied coast across Dover strait—causing explosions which shattered windows on the English side of the channel—as a quick follow-up to extensive day-light attacks by more than 4,000 allied planes.

The violent blasts echoed across the water from the French coast roused residents from their beds a few minutes after a huge fleet of RAF bombers had passed eastward, darkening the starlit sky.

The din lasted ten minutes without a pause and the concussion was so great that the ground literally shook at Folkestone and neighboring towns. Dishes rattled in cupboards and furniture rocked as from an earthquake.

In the last three days of extraordinarily violent attack against scores of widely separated targets (Continued on Page Four)

LITTLE PINE WILL HAVE PROGRAM SAT.

An entertainment featuring the Smith Sisters' band will be sponsored by the Little Pine school, Saturday, May 13, at 8:00 p. m., it was announced this week.

Among other numbers on the program are black-faced comedy acts, old-time singing and playing, and acts by Glen Smith and his sister and Johnny Richardson and Walter Hanks.

The public is cordially invited to attend the entertainment for which there will be a small admission charge.

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SUPT. OF SCHOOLS



Miss Clyde Fields, who is completing her first year as superintendent of Alleghany county schools.

Records Are Made By School Buses

More than 1,100 Alleghany county students are transported to school daily by the 18 buses which travel a total of 560 miles per day. This means that almost two-thirds of the total enrollment rides to school. And in spite of wartime condition, good schedules have been maintained this year, Supt. Clyde Fields said this week.

The important factor is that (Continued on Page 8)

It was pointed out that those persons who had not registered for their canning sugar or those who desired to apply for additional sugar would not be allowed to do so until after June 15, when they would apply at the local ration board.

Following is a report of the registration at each of the five schools:

Little Pine, 184 families, 6,920 pounds of sugar; Laurel Springs, 151 families, 6,000 pounds of sugar; Rich Hill, 135 families, 5,150 pounds of sugar; Piney Creek, 237 families, 8,210 pounds of sugar and Sparta, 991 families, 35,000 pounds of sugar.

Sheep Shearing School Is To Be Held Next Week

Public Invited To Take Advantage Of School Next Friday, May 19

R. E. Black, county agent, announced today that a sheep-shearing school will be conducted at the farm of C. T. Edwards in the New Hope community on Friday, May 19.

Mr. E. S. Bartlett, of the Chicago Flexible Shaft company, will conduct the school, the purpose of which is to train farmers who wish to do their own shearing and especially men who plan to do custom work.

These schools will be held for (Continued on Page 4)

C. C. Group Will Meet On Friday

The Sparta Chamber of Commerce will meet at the community building Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, when several Alleghany boys in service, who are spending furloughs at home, are expected to talk to the group.

The members met at Sparta high school ball diamond yesterday afternoon to organize a softball team or league. The organization is expected to be completed soon.

Dinner will be served to the members by the Sparta Woman's club.

Above is a Cornell plane, some of which were purchased by Alleghany County schools in the "Buy-A-Plane" contest, through the sale of war bonds.

135 Will Graduate From Seventh Grade; Finals Announced

FINALS SPEAKER



Congressman R. L. Doughton, who will deliver the commencement address at Sparta high school on Sat., May 20.

Alleghany Now Has 61 Teachers

Alleghany county now has a total of 57 white teachers and principals and four colored teachers who are completing a successful school year. This brings the total up to 61 for the county.

While the war has resulted in a shortage of teachers, this county has been fortunate in the past year in having for the most part, well trained teachers with experience. Because of the times, it has been necessary to employ some with emergency certificates; (Continued on Page Four)

Sparta Has Largest Number, With 60; Laurel Springs Has Twenty-two

With 135 students, 125 from the white schools and 10 from the colored schools, graduating from the seventh grade in the various elementary schools in the county, most of the closing exercises and presentation of diplomas will take place May 17 and 18.

Many of the schools have planned programs while some of them will not have any exercises on the close of their school year.

The largest number of seventh grade graduates will receive diplomas at Sparta, when 60 students will be presented their certificates by Supt. Clyde Fields in the school auditorium, Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 o'clock. At this time, perfect attendance certificates will also be awarded and the recitation contest will be held.

Piney Creek seventh grade graduates number 15 this year. Their graduating exercises will be held in the school auditorium, where they will be presented their diplomas by the principal, George M. Van Hoy.

An elaborate program is planned (Continued on Page 8)

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES ARE PLANNED

Special Mother's Day services will be conducted at the three Presbyterian churches served by Rev. R. L. Berry, Sunday.

Special music is planned for the service at the Sparta Presbyterian church. Services are as follows: Glade Valley, 10:00 a. m.; Sparta, 11:00 a. m., and Rocky Ridge, 2:30 p. m.

By County Schools Piney Creek And Sparta Finals To Be Held Next Wk.

Congressman R. L. Doughton Will Deliver Address At Sparta On May 20

In the three high schools of Alleghany county, 59 seniors, 39 girls and 15 boys, are receiving diplomas at the commencement exercises this year.

Finals at Piney Creek and Sparta are scheduled for next week, while commencement at Glade Valley has already been held.

At both Sparta and Piney Creek, outstanding speakers have been secured and other programs planned, which are expected to be well attended in spite of hampered travel conditions.

Congressman R. L. Doughton will deliver the literary address at Sparta high school on Saturday, May 20 at 10:30 a. m., when 29 seniors will be awarded their diplomas.

The valedictory address will be given by Patsy Roy Burgess, the salutatory by Tommy Osborne and the president's speech by Dennis Franklin. The class prophecy will be given by Rebecca Irene Richardson, the class history by Lorene Hendrix and the class history by Eva Edwards.

The commencement exercises at Sparta will begin on Thursday, May 18, at 10:00 a. m., in the high school auditorium when the seventh grade graduation program will take place. At this time, 60 students will receive their diplomas. Presentation of the perfect attendance certificates will also be made, after which the recitation contest will be held.

On Friday night, May 19, at 8:30 p. m., the senior class play. (Continued on Page 4)

Farmers To List Wool With Black

It was announced this week by R. E. Black, county agent, that a change was being made in the mailing of forms for listing wool. In the past, blanks have been mailed to the farmers from the county agent's office on which to list wool and lambs they wish to sell through the county pool, Mr. Black pointed out.

This year, he explained, due to postal regulations, such forms will not be mailed, but farmers who wish to sell their wool, lambs or both, should stop by the county agent's office and leave a list of what they have for sale or else notify the office by mail.

Farmers are urged to co-operate with Mr. Black in order that the sales through the county pool may go on as before.

ALL SCHOOLS INSPECTED BY SANITARY OFFICER

A survey has recently been completed of all of the schools of the county by the district sanitary officer, Wade E. Eller.

Mr. Eller has filed a report of his inspection and has made several recommendations for improvements.

It is hoped by school officials that several of the recommended changes can be made before schools open next fall.

Vocational Agricultural Courses Are Popular In Alleghany County Schools



The vocational agricultural courses have long been popular with Alleghany county high school boys. Both Sparta and Piney Creek have well-established departments. Shop work is stressed in both places, where the boys are taught, along with other work, repair and care of farm machinery.



Adult classes for the farmers have been conducted during the past two years and hundreds of dollars have been saved, as well as machinery kept in repair at a time when it could not be replaced and is so necessary in the war effort. At the left is a view of the Sparta shop and at the right, Piney Creek.

PROCLAIMS SUNDAY AS MOTHER'S DAY

Raleigh—Governor Broughton has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, May 14, as Mother's Day in North Carolina.

Said the Governor's proclamation: "Indications are that the expected invasion of Europe may occur at any time, and this circumstance will tend to make Mother's Day an event even more worthy of prayerful observance."

"It is particularly hoped that all churches will suitably observe the event and that special consideration will be given mothers whose sons are in the armed services, and that our people will not be unmindful of that growing list of North Carolina mothers whose sons have already made the supreme sacrifice in this war."