

## Doughton To Address Graduating Classes

### Association Of W. M. U. To Hold Meet May 23; Miss Lawton To Speak

#### Missionary To Shanghai Will Deliver Address To Group At Laurel Springs

The Alleghany Association of the Woman's Missionary Union will present an all-day program, featuring an address by Miss Olive Lawton, missionary to Shanghai, China, on Tuesday, May 23, beginning at 10:00 o'clock at the Laurel Springs Baptist church.

An unusual period of praise and worship will be conducted by Mrs. Ben G. Reeves, assisted by Mesdames Gene Irwin and Bruce Wagoner and Rev. Richard L. West, pastor. Mrs. T. S. Moxley will give the address of welcome; the response by Mrs. George Crutchfield.

Following the organization, reports of the associational officers and chairmen of committees, in the form of a playlet, will be given. A message on "Today Molds Tomorrow," will be brought by Mrs. O. R. Mangum, of Lenoir, Supt. of the Wilkesboro division.

Mrs. Lawton will deliver the main address on "Today and Tomorrow in Missions," which will be preceded by a solo by Mrs. Odell Richardson.

A picnic lunch will be served by the ladies at the noon hour.

The afternoon session will begin with a chorus by the Sparta Baptist choir and invocation by Rev. W. H. Caldwell. Mrs. Mangum will then lead a conference on "How to Teach Mission Study" and a memorial will be observed in honor of Mrs. W. N. Jones, who was president of the State W. M. U. convention for twenty years.

Rev. Brice Barton will close the program with prayer.

The associational officers are as follows: Supt., Mrs. A. O. Joines; ass't supt., Mrs. Hazel H. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Sam

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### Billings Working On Winston Papers

#### Fifteen-year-old Boy Takes Good Job. Formerly Lived In Alleghany County

Horace Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Billings, of Winston-Salem and formerly of Piney Creek, has recently accepted a job with the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, as a society reporter from the Old Town district and a staff writer of the sport section of the Journal.

Young Billings is fifteen years old and is a junior in the high school at Old Town. He is now editor-in-chief of the high school's newspaper.

He attended Piney Creek high school, where he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams before moving to Winston-Salem. He also played on the Old Town basketball team, champions of the Northwestern Carolina Basketball tournament.

Horace is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wagoner, of Piney Creek.

### Sends Proof Of Action In Italy

"Don't let anybody tell you that we don't have plenty of fireworks over here," Pfc. Joe Caldwell wrote his sister, Mrs. B. H. Williams, of Feden, from somewhere in Italy.

To prove his statement, Pfc. Caldwell enclosed in his letter the fragments of a V-mail letter he had previously written; one that was not fortunate enough even to reach the censor.

He related that he had put the V-mail letter in the mail box and had just moved away when a bomb came a bit too close, hitting the mail box and raising his letter.

However, he stated, not one person in his company was injured by the blast.

### Doughton Spoke To Chamber Of Commerce Here

#### Highly Commended Members Upon Organization; Berry And Reed Talk

"I am proud of this organization and what it stands for," J. K. Doughton told members of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting last Friday night in the community building.

Mr. Doughton, president of the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, Md., spoke briefly to the group, highly complimenting them on the organization of the Chamber of Commerce. He is the son of Gov. and Mrs. R. A. Doughton and was reared in Alleghany county.

Gov. Doughton, honorary president of the organization, presented to W. O. Hooper a certificate from the National Red Cross headquarters commending him on the splendid work he did as chairman of the recent Red Cross drive.

A certificate awarded to the Alleghany chapter of American Red Cross was then presented to T. R. Burgess, Alleghany county chairman.

Rev. R. L. Berry and Joe Bill Reed, members of the organization, made short talks. Mr. Reed pointed out that a softball league was being organized by the members and that they expected to begin playing soon.

Clifton Evans was added as a new member, making the membership 53 to this date.

The Sparta Woman's club served dinner to the forty-three members present.

### Sparta Becoming Marriage Center

Licenses have been issued and five couples have been married by Justice of the Peace B. F. Wagoner in the Sparta courthouse within the past two weeks.

Smith Hash, of Independence, Va., was married to Miss Hazel Wood, also of Independence, on May 3.

The marriage of Eugene Ward, of Independence and Miss Inez Jones, of Fries, took place May 6.

On May 11, Mr. Wagoner married Charlie Holiday, of Speedwell, Va., to Miss May Jane Fry, also of Speedwell.

Lindsay Bazemore, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mary Kathryn Doss, also of Portsmouth and Raymond Pickett and Lizzie Pickett, both of Durham, were married by Mr. Wagoner on May 13.

### Plan To Form A Tri-County Lime Co-op To Buy Quarry

Plans are now underway for the organization of a tri-county lime co-operative for Alleghany, Ashe and Grayson counties, provided the necessary funds can be raised at once to buy a lime mine at Grant, Va., and necessary equipment for its operation, it was announced this week.

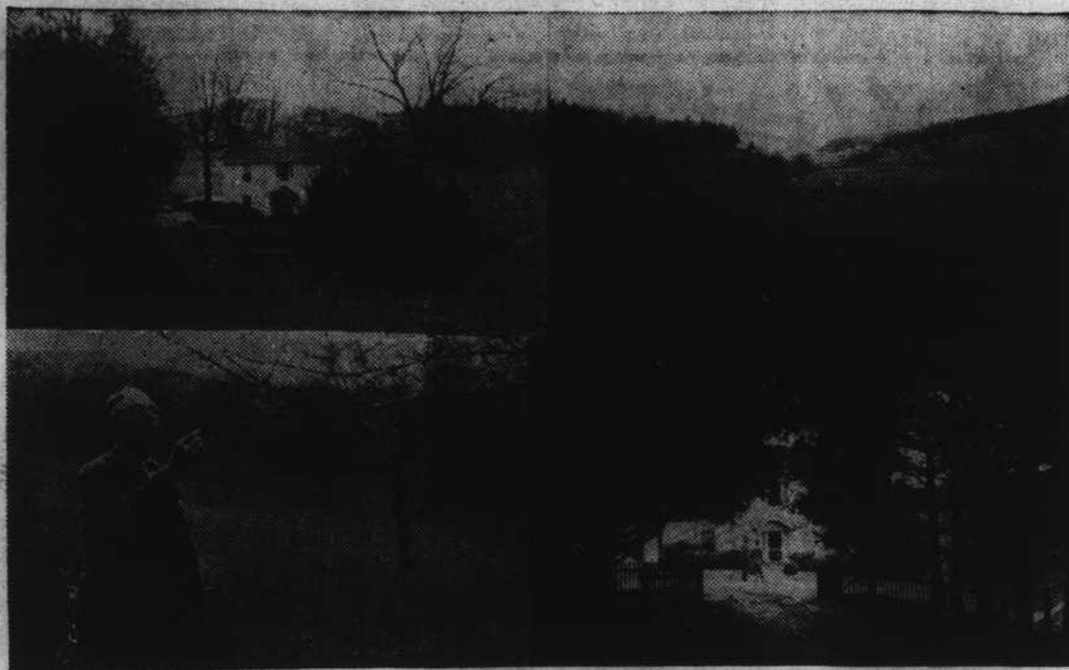
This lime quarry was operated a number of years ago and it was from this plant that the first lime was used in Alleghany county.

The proposed operation will probably be in the form of a farmers co-operative, with the farmers buying stock.

Two meetings are to be held in this county to explain to the farmers the method of operation. One meeting will be held in the farm agent's office here, Saturday, May 20, at 1:30 p. m., and the other at Piney Creek school on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Lime from the deposit at Grant has been a favorite with many farmers who have used it. It is

### Views Of New State Test Farm At Laurel Springs



Here are some scenes of the new 425-acre livestock test farm which the State Department of Agriculture recently purchased from W. M. Transou at Laurel Springs. Upper left photo shows the eight-room house, which will be used by Mr. Transou, resident manager, who is pictured, lower left, examining blooms in the 17-acre apple orchard. Right, above, is a panoramic view of the broad meadow where much of the grain will be grown, and at lower right is shown the entrance to the grounds.

### Collect Clothes For Red Relief

#### Around 1,000 Pounds Collected By Schools And Club In Alleghany County

Miss Clyde Fields, chairman of the Russian War Relief drive in Alleghany county, announced today that approximately 1,000 pounds of clothing had been received to date.

However, she pointed out, reports have not been received from all the schools, and the total number of pounds of clothing secured is expected to rise this week end.

Sparta school has approximately 750 pounds, while the Sparta Woman's club has turned in 200 pounds, with Glade Valley elementary school turning in around 100 pounds.

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### County Exceeded April Bond Quota

Official figures reveal that Alleghany county has again exceeded her monthly war bond quota, with April sales amounting to \$7,725.00, Chairman Alton Thompson, announced this week.

The April quota was \$7,469.00, Mr. Thompson pointed out. All of the sales were of series "E" bonds.

Sales to date on the May quota of \$7,469.00, amount to \$3,206.25, he announced.

"Alleghany county has never failed to meet any of the monthly war bond quotas, always going over by a substantial majority," Chairman Thompson stated.

### Will Start Building Three Barns On Test Farm In Near Future

#### GETS PROMOTION



S. Sgt. Sam W. Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Osborne, of Stratford, has recently been promoted to his present rank. Sgt. Osborne, who is now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., has been in the service since January, 1943, and received his basic training at Camp McCain, Miss. He is a graduate of Sparta high school and attended State college.

### Eight Men Start Naval Training

A group of eight Alleghany men left last Thursday to enter the U. S. Navy at Spartanburg, S. C.

The list included: Charlie Derol Atwood, Lewis Jackson Hash, Underwood Earl Medley, Gayle Wyatt, Charlie Herbert Horton, Ed McClain, Lacy Franklin Billings and James Edward Billings.

The local board also announced classifications of men for military service this week when twelve men were placed in I-A and 25 in other classifications.

The list is as follows: I-A: Billy C. Choate, Eugene P. (Continued on Page Four)

### SHEEP SHEARING SCHOOL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

A sheep shearing school will be conducted tomorrow morning at the farm of C. T. Edwards in the New Hope community and everybody is invited to attend, especially custom shearers.

E. S. Bartlett, representative of the Flexible Shaft company, of Chicago, is conducting the school.

### State To Construct Road; Cottage And Two Acres Are Bought For Farm

Plans are now being made to start construction in the near future of three large, modern barns and a caretaker's home on the newly established state livestock test farm at Laurel Springs, Dean Colvard, supervisor, announced today.

The new barns will house sheep, beef and dairy cattle and no estimate was given as to the cost of these buildings.

At the request of the state department of agriculture, the state highway and public works commission has surveyed a mile and a half through the farm and work on this highway is expected to be started promptly.

It was also announced today that a cottage and two acres of land located next to the 425-acre test farm have been purchased from Mrs. Mamie Call, of Wilkesboro. The cottage will be remodeled and used for an office and other purposes. The state gave Mrs. Call \$3,500 for the property, bringing total purchase price of the farm to \$28,100.

Workers are now busy remodeling buildings on the farm and repairing fences.

### Allies Are Crushing German Lines In Italy; Airmen Busy

With the view of destroying the German armies in Italy and moving into Rome, the allied fifth and eighth armies launched a renewed surprise offensive last Thursday and during the past week the American, British and French forces have made splendid progress.

Their smashing attacks, aided by superiority in the air and from the seacoast, have already crushed the 25-mile German Gustav line, and have enabled them to advance as far as eight miles in one sector.

They have captured at least a dozen towns and are outflanking the enemy's entire defense system guarding the important city of Cassino and the mouth of the Liri valley leading to Rome.

Meanwhile, American and British bombers have continued with day and night assaults on Hitler's occupied Europe. There was a slight lull Tuesday in the bombing operations because of bad weather, but the devastating attack has been renewed and the great aerial blitz is now being carried into the

### Congressman To Speak At Piney Creek Friday Night And Sparta Saturday, A. M.

#### Twelve Students To Receive Diplomas At Piney Creek Friday Night

The graduation exercise at Piney Creek high school will be presented on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock, when Congressman R. L. Doughton will deliver the commencement address.

The program will open with the singing of the senior class song, which will be followed by the salutatory address to be given by Lacy Lee Weaver.

The valedictory address to be delivered by Evon Jenkins will follow, after which Principal George M. VanHoy will make the presentation of diplomas to the twelve graduates.

The commencement exercise opened at Piney Creek last Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon, delivered by Rev. Richard L. West, pastor of the Sparta Baptist church. Rev. Mr. West used as the theme of his sermon, "Service to Humanity."

Special music was furnished by the school choir and members of the faculty.

Members of the graduating class are: Eula Jean Absher, Annie Marie Anders, Sidney Donald (Continued On Page Four)

### Senior Play At Piney Creek Sat.

#### "Pal Of My Heart" To Be Presented. Play Written By Mrs. Blevins

The senior class of the Piney Creek high school will present the play, "Pal of My Heart," by Mrs. Lilibert H. Blevins, on Saturday night, May 20, at 8:00 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

The author, who is the former Miss Gertrude Graybeal, of Clifton, has written and directed several plays in the past, which have been very successful. "Pal of My Heart" is a three-act comedy and contains a "bit of romance, a thread of mystery, a tinge of sadness and a barrel of fun." The public is cordially invited to attend.

The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Edward Latham, mother, Hazel Van Dyke; Miss Linda Lue Latham, her daughter, Wilma Dean Hashe; Miss Janet Sue Latham, her daughter, Alma Jean Hashe; Miss Evelyn Latham, her daughter, Evon Jenkins; Mose Austin, colored handy man, Fred Johnson Weaver; Becky Morgan, colored cook, Beulah Fields; Douglas Johnson, Evelyn's boy friend, Sidney Blevins; Velinda Cruise, an orphan girl, Lacy Lee Weaver; Silfrannie Jones, society lady, Jean Absher; Miranda Jones, society lady, Louise Perry and Lutannie Jones, society lady, Marie Anders.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

#### Graduating Class Exercises To Be Given. Awards Will Be Announced

Congressman R. L. Doughton will deliver the literary address at the graduation exercise to be held at Sparta high school Saturday morning, May 20, at 10:00 o'clock.

Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Sparta Presbyterian church, will give the invocation, which will be followed by the president's speech given by Dennis Franklin.

The salutatory address will be made by Tommie Osborne, after which Eva Edwards will present the class history. The class will, given by Lorene Hendrix, follows. Rebecca Irene Richardson will give the class prophecy. The class' part of the program will close with the valedictory address to be delivered by Patsy Roy Burgess.

Ellen Hardin, a member of the junior class, will give a piano solo.

Congressman Doughton has ably served in congress for the past 34 years, the longest term of any representative from North Carolina. For a number of years, he has been the distinguished chairman of the Ways and Means committee, in which capacity he serves at present.

Following Congressman Doughton's address, awards will be given and the presentation of the diplomas will be made by Principal C. R. Roe.

### Sparta Seniors To Present Play

#### Will Be Given Tomorrow Night In High School Auditorium Here

The Sparta high school senior class will present "Mama's Baby Boy", a three-act comedy, on Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Luther Long, played by Brice Richardson, finds himself in need of money and disguises his seventeen-year-old daughter, Juliet, or Pat Burgess as a twelve-year-old child, with the hope that he may impress Mrs. McLean as being ten years younger and thus win her love.

Mrs. McLean, acted by Eva Edwards, is faced with the same problem and dresses her eighteen-year-old son, Shepherd McLean, Jr., played by Tommy Osborne, as a boy of thirteen.

The part of Mrs. Anglin, Mr. Long's sister, who tells many revealing things, is played by Nada Landreth. Mrs. McLean's mother, Mrs. Blackburn, or Rebecca Irene Richardson, along with others of the cast take on a youthful air to keep up the ruse.

Cynthia, Shepherd's girl friend and the daughter of Mrs. Anglin, is played by Norma Fender and Sylvia, another friend is played by Irene Hendrix. One of Shepherd's friends is Wilber, or Ceibert Jarvis. Max Moore, a real estate agent who brings prosperity to the scene is Dennis Franklin. The (Continued on Page Four)

### Plans Made For Forming League

Members of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday afternoon at the high school diamond for a practice softball game in preparation for the organization of a three-team league in the immediate future.

The men have not been divided into groups and captains have not been chosen, but it is planned to organize a merchants' team, business men's team, a farmers' team and possibly to incorporate into the league a high school boy's team.

Organization plans are expected to be completed at the meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 at the high school diamond. All members are urged to be present.