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Applications For Absentee Ballots Are Now Available

Chairman Nichols Urges That Applications For Service Men Be Made Soon

G. Glenn Nichols, chairman of the Alleghany county board of elections, announced this week that tickets and applications for members of the armed forces in the coming general election, were now available. Applications for absentee ballots for men in service, both in the states and overseas, must be made by some immediate member of the family, he pointed out. Applications for absentee ballots for civilians cannot be made before October 8, Mr. Nichols stated. He urged that applications be made as soon as possible in order that the boys get the ballots in time to vote.

Alleghany Man Writes Of Italy

Sgt. Richardson Describes Ceremony Where Citation Is Awarded

Movie cameras and war correspondents seemed to be the order of the day in Italy recently when the 324th fighter group of the Army Air Force was awarded a citation for the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns.

T. Sgt. C. W. Richardson, son of Mrs. Eula Hanks, of Glade Valley, who carried the flag in the parade, gives a first hand description of the affair in a recent letter to his mother.

The pictures, to appear soon in Life magazine, show the group marching, one man with the group colors and Sgt. Richardson carrying the Stars and Stripes. As the colors are extended, the General pins on a streamer from the citation of the two Italian campaigns.

Sgt. Richardson writes: "It was truly a great day for the 324th. The formation was in fact about two hours and one could see movie cameras and war correspondents from all angles. Truly, a great group, the 324th, with two years overseas' duty, two thousand missions and thousands and thousands of tons of bombs dropped on enemy positions. All the time operating close behind the enemy lines, sometimes, in fact, a lot of the time, so close that one could see continuous flashes of artillery fire."

The Alleghany boy added that many pilots were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during the celebration.

Ashe GOP Names Ticket Saturday

West Jefferson — (Special) — Ashe county Republicans and others had the opportunity of hearing the party's candidate for governor of N. C., Hon. Frank Patton, of Morganton, who was the keynote speaker at the convention held in the courthouse, Saturday, when Edison Thomas, of Grassy Creek was named as candidate for the State Senate and Rev. M. D. Hart, of Tuckerdale, for representative.

The speaker, who was introduced by Emory McCall, of Lenoir, Republican candidate from this district for the U. S. congress, outlined briefly some of the plans he expects to carry out if named as governor. He advocated an opportunity to vote on the alcoholic question and suggested a merit system for school teachers. Rev. M. D. Hart, Baptist preacher, was unanimously named as the party's candidate for representative in the State legislature. (Continued on Page Four)

Special Service At Sparta Church

A special service will be held at the Sparta Methodist church, Sunday morning when Mrs. E. L. Rice, of Elkin, former missionary to China, will speak. A special musical program has been arranged for the service, it was announced. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting and hear Mrs. Rice.

Americans Advance In Brittany; Germans Trapped By Russians

Japanese Resistance On Tinian Crumbles; Guam Hit By Bombers

American armor smashed into Brittany at four points Tuesday, plunging 10 to 13 miles beyond captured Avranches in two directions, and sweating infantrymen cut their way through disintegrating German resistance over a wide front, bagging a one-day total of 7,812 prisoners.

In the hottest, most humid weather since D-Day the American forces on the western sector of the French battlefield battered the enemy into retreat which Associated Press Correspondent E. D. Ball said had "lost all order."

One American tank column penetrated Brittany to the town of Pontorson, 13 miles southwest of Avranches, and doughboy patrols rounded up disheartened, resigned Germans in clusters.

The Russian first Baltic army drove to the Baltic sea yesterday, isolating two German armies in Estonia and Latvia, while two other powerful Soviet army groups captured Kaunas, pre-war capital of Lithuania, and closed a steel arc of siege around burning Warsaw.

The Baltic trap was closed by Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's men, who seized Tukums, rail center nine miles south of the Gulf of Riga and 30 miles almost due west of the city of Riga, and used it for a base to drive on to the Gulf, cutting the last overland communications of any sort between East Prussia and the north Baltic states.

Fast moving marines, winding up a nine-day operation, have erased all organized Japanese opposition in Tinian and an intense bombing of an estimated 10,000 Nipponese on Guam is paving the way for complete conquest of that island.

Farmers May Get Western Sheep

R. E. Black, county agent, announced this week that Alleghany county farmers would have an opportunity to purchase some western sheep next week, and asked that those interested get in touch with him.

R. S. Curtis, sheep marketing specialist with the N. S. Department of Agriculture, reported that two double deck carloads of Wyoming sheep will be brought into this State next week for resale to interested farmers at cost. They will be distributed from North Wilkesboro and Asheville.

Mr. Black explained that through advanced orders he could secure all Alleghany county farmers would want at the present.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED FOR ROCKY RIDGE CHURCH

Elders C. R. Dancy and B. H. Blevins will preach at Rocky Ridge church near Scottville, on Sunday night, August 13. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Expect Opening Of Schools To Be Delayed In County

Supt. Clyde Fields announced yesterday that while no definite decision had been made regarding delayed opening of schools, she felt sure there would be some postponement.

Miss Fields pointed out that the schools were originally scheduled to open August 21 and that some announcement about the delay, due to the infantile paralysis epidemic, would be made soon. She explained that a decision about this would be reached upon the advice of the county and state health departments.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer recommended that openings of all public schools be delayed until mid-September because of the current infantile paralysis epidemic, which reached 427 active cases yesterday with the report of eight new cases.

LEADER OF PLOT



Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck has been identified as the arch conspirator of the group that planned the assassination of Adolf Hitler in the bombing attack. According to a German radio broadcast, General Beck is "no longer alive."

Slight Decline In Polio Cases Here This Week

Last Case Is Reported Here Friday; Authorities Urge That Ban Be Observed

The number of infantile paralysis cases in the county since the epidemic started, reached a total of eight last Friday, but with no cases reported since that time, the epidemic appears to be slightly on the decrease.

The ban against children fifteen and under is still in effect, however, health authorities pointed out, and asked that parents be mindful of it.

The case reported in the county this week was Herbert Lyon, 27-year-old Glade Valley man. He is now in the emergency hospital in Hickory, where his condition is reported to be satisfactory.

Four other patients from Alleghany are being treated at Hickory, with all having reports of satisfactory conditions. They include Jerry Presnell, Kelas Anderson, Ray Ham and Alice Billings.

State Welfare Official Here

Graham Ponder, field representative for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, conferred with Swanson Edwards, superintendent of public welfare, in a supervisory capacity when he visited the county last Monday. Most of Mr. Ponder's time was spent in receiving old age assistance and aid to dependent children records to determine if the program is being administered in compliance with the rules and regulations of the public assistance act.

Praise Is Given To Volunteers Of Price Panel

Much Of Success Of Program Is Due Them, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood Says

This week, Mrs. Robert Fleetwood, clerk of the Alleghany ration board, along with members of the board, paid tribute to the volunteer price panel assistants of the county for their splendid co-operation and efforts in carrying out the work of the price panel.

"These volunteers," Mrs. Fleetwood pointed out, "most of them housewives, school teachers and business men, have devoted both their time and effort to make the program a success and to aid our merchants and citizens in keeping down prices and inflation." "They are to be highly commended for the excellent job they have done and are doing," she further stated.

Price panel assistants in the county include: Mrs. Ben Williams, Peden; Mrs. Bruce Finney, Furches; Mrs. Hardin Spicer, Sparta; Mrs. Lon M. Reeves, Sparta; E. C. Minnich, Piney Creek; T. L. Grayson, Whitehead; T. C. Osborne, Laurel Springs; R. C. Gentry, Glade Valley; Mrs. J. R. Gambill, Sparta; Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, Laurel Springs; Mrs. W. C. Dutton, Mouth of Wilson, Va.; Miss Hazel Lee Taylor, Laurel Springs; Mrs. Clay Thompson, Glade Valley; Mrs. B. F. McCann, Roaring Gap.

Mrs. Roy Ellison, Stratford; Isom Wagoner, Ennice; Mrs. O. D. Hapner, Scottville; Mrs. S. E. Smith, Piney Creek; Mrs. J. R. Thompson, Glade Valley; Mrs. Alva Davis, Galax, Va., Rt. 2; Mrs. Carl Sheets, Scottville; Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Sparta; Mrs. P. L. Choate, Sparta and Mrs. R. T. Burchette, Sparta.

Members of the rationing board include Glenn Richardson, chairman; B. F. Wagoner and L. E. Ivey.

The two members of the fuel oil board are Dr. N. D. Fox and W. K. Sprinkle.

The price panel board of the county consists of nine members with Joe Bill Reed as chairman. (Continued on Page Four)

Sgt. Anderson Is Injured In France

Sgt. Carlyle Anderson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Anderson, of this county, recently notified his aunt, Mrs. J. B. Caudill, of Glade Valley, that he was now in a hospital somewhere in France, recovering from a leg wound received in action. Sgt. Anderson took part in the recent invasion.

The Alleghany man entered the army in October, 1942, and was sent overseas in April, 1944. He received his training at Camp Atterberry, Ind., and Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Canned Corn Is Again Rationed

Washington — The Office of Price Administration ordered canned corn back on the ration list, and made grape jam, tomato preserves and tomato marmalades ration-free, effective at 12:01 a. m., Sunday.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said the return of points to corn was "an emergency action taken to keep retailers' stocks from running out."

A new value of three points for the generally used 12-ounce can was assigned for whole kernel, vacuum-packed corn, while other canned corn gets a value of five points for a 20-ounce can.

When point values were removed from corn last April 30, the 12-ounce can of whole kernel, vacuum-packed corn had a value of six points. Other corn was valued at six points.

Printing of the new processed food charts for next month has been delayed until August 13.

Bowles said that grape jam, which has had a value of four points for the popular two-pound container, was made ration-free "because the supply will be more than enough to last until 1944 production reaches the retail level."

Canned vegetables remaining ration-free are green and wax beans, beets, carrots, spinach and mixed greens.

Curb Market Is Proving Popular



A typical scene at the curb market at Roaring Gap. This is operated by the home demonstration clubs of the county.

County's Curb Market Has Successful Record During First Month Of Operation

Gen. Hershey Says Men Over 25 May Get Service Calls

Local Boards Are Given Change In Orders, By Headquarters, This Week

Washington — Local and State draft authorities got a prod from national headquarters this week to proceed with the induction of men over 25 who are making no contribution to the war.

They were also instructed to sweep out of Class 1-A all the men over 25 whose jobs entitle them to deferment, leaving in 1-A only those registrants actually available for induction.

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, rescinded an order which had authorized State directors to postpone temporarily all inductions of men over 25 — regardless of their jobs. This order was issued originally to allow local boards time to reclassify their registrants in accordance with the draft policy announced in May which put emphasis on the need for men under age 25.

In a letter to the State directors, Hershey said "it would appear that a sufficient period of time has elapsed."

The national policy calls for deferring men in the 26-29 age group who are "necessary men" in essential war activities, and deferring men 30-37 who are in any kind of activity contributing to the war.

MEETING HELD BY LIME COOPERATIVE

Alleghany was represented at the meeting of the newly organized tri-county lime cooperative, held at Independence on Tuesday night, when directors decided to go ahead and make arrangements for the machinery.

The cooperative, organized for farmers of Alleghany, Ashe and Grayson counties, will operate the famous lime mine at Grant, Va.

According to the plan, Grayson county farmers were to subscribe \$6,000.00 worth of stock and Alleghany and Ashe, \$2,000.00 each. Some stock has been subscribed in both Ashe and Alleghany, but not enough, it was announced. Farmers interested in subscribing for stock are asked to contact County Agent Black.

Report Shows That 61 Women Are Now Selling On Mart; Sales Reach \$1,291.13

The curb market at Roaring Gap, sponsored by the Alleghany home demonstration clubs, got off to a flourishing start with the first month's sales amounting to \$1,291.13, Miss Frances Capel, home agent, announced this week.

With 61 home demonstration club women now selling products on the market, an excellent variety of fruits, vegetables and meats are offered to the buying public at the popular resort. Since the beginning of the market, sales have increased from \$60 to more than \$200 per day during the eight (one-half day) market days.

The display of food has been arranged attractively on tables at the market site. It is hoped that a house will be built in the future with screened booths for the sale of food. Summer flowers also add to the attractiveness of the displays as well as to the total sales of the market.

Miss Capel explained that as well as providing a sale for surplus food of the county, the market had provided an excellent project for the club women, one that they expected to carry on and improve next year.

One lady from Roaring Gap remarked that the market was effective for two reasons, "the obvious thing, food, and then it provides a place for us to get together and gossip, but it's fun either way."

According to a report of the treasurer the total sales of \$1,291.13, were made up of the following: dairy products, \$122.30; vegetables, \$188.58; poultry, \$216.47; eggs, \$184.99; food (bread, cakes, etc.) \$474.49; handicraft, \$8.25 and other things, \$96.05.

Miss Capel and the club women extended an invitation to everyone to visit the curb market, which opens at 10:00 o'clock on Tuesday and Friday.

LUMBER IS FROZEN FOR LIMITED TIME

The sale of lumber was frozen as of August 1, by OPA, for consumers' use.

At the present, only those having certificates of needs from AAA of Federal Housing Authority can make any purchases.

Some announcements as to future handling of this are expected to be worked out by authorities and to be made public in the near future.

To Have School Lunch Program At Piney Creek

Mrs. Louine Moore, Supervisor Of Child Feeding Program, Talks To Group

At an enthusiastic meeting, well attended by representative members of the Piney Creek community, Monday night, it was decided to start a school lunch program at Piney Creek high school this year.

Mrs. Louine Moore, supervisor of the child feeding program for the state, attended the meeting at the request of the Piney Creek home demonstration club, and gave some valuable information in regard to organizing the lunch room.

Mrs. Moore was accompanied by F. T. Garner, auditor of the child feeding program. Wade E. Eller, sanitarian, also spoke to the group from the standpoint of health and sanitation in regard to the lunch room. Mr. Eller offered many helpful suggestions.

Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, stated yesterday that through the help of the (Continued on Page 4)

Arrest Several Here This Week

List Of Those Tried And Fined Is Announced By Glenn Richardson

Town Marshal Glenn Richardson announced this week that the following arrests had been made and cases tried:

Gwyn Whitaker, charged with assault on Robert Moxley, was fined \$1.00 and cost. He was tried before R. G. Warden.

Charles Reeves, charged with assault on Burton Edwards, was tried before S. O. Gambill in juvenile court. The 14-year-old boy, already on probation on a previous charge, was given another chance and again placed on probation.

Bill Biggs, charged with public drunkenness, and tried before Justice of the Peace G. Glenn Nichols, was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on condition that he not be found drunk in Alleghany county during the next 12 months. Biggs paid the costs of the trial.

Charles Tompkins and Howard Hodge, each charged with assault, were fined \$5.00 and cost each. They were also tried before Nichols.

Coy Bobbit and wife were released from jail to appear for trial on Saturday at 2 o'clock. Bobbit was charged with assault on his wife and she was charged with public drunkenness.

MEADOW FORK H. D. CLUB HELD MEETING

The Meadow Fork home demonstration club met with Mrs. W. C. Woodruff on July 18 at 2:30 p. m. with nine members and one visitor present. The meeting was called to order by the president, minutes read. A total of 715 cans of food canned this year was reported. After the business session, Miss Capel gave a demonstration on making rolls and the hostess served delicious refreshments. The Meadow Fork club decided to have a picnic at Bluff Park on August 15 at 7:30 p. m.

Welfare Board Met On Saturday

The county board of public welfare, consisting of Gov. R. A. Doughton and J. A. Higgins, held its regular monthly meeting with the superintendent of public welfare, Swanson Edwards, last Saturday.

Two old age assistance applications and one aid to dependent children application were rejected; one old age assistance and one aid to dependent children application were held pending further investigation; two old age assistance grants were increased; one aid to dependent children grant was decreased; one old age assistance and two aid to dependent children grants were terminated.

The county board of welfare, in addition to serving in an administrative capacity regarding public assistance, also acts in an advisory capacity to the superintendent of public welfare in the execution of his duties.

Women Shopping At Curb Market



Here women make selections of delicious food at the curb market, which is open Tuesday and Friday.